

2023 MQI Measure Thresholds

Thresholds and Award Considerations:

Measure Thresholds are reviewed annually in consideration of historical hospital data performance, evidence-based guidance on reducing patient harm, improving transitions, and continuity of care. Every year, WA State-eligible hospitals have an opportunity to earn recognition and/or a one percent incentive payment under the Medicaid Quality Incentive Program (MQI) during the 6-month reporting window which begins July 1, 2023, and ends December 31, 2023. Awards are incentive-based, as evidenced by data submissions that support quality improvement, reduction of patient harm, and improving continuity/transitions of care.

Each of the measure thresholds and point awards is an opportunity for an eligible hospital to participate in recognition and/or receive the awards based on hospital performance. Points are awarded for each quartile or quantile. For each measure, hospitals can earn 0 to 10 points. Points are averaged across all applicable measures and hospitals with an average score of 5 and above are considered eligible for the increase. Hospitals that don't submit measures, will not attain any points.

Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) – Training for prescribers and pharmacists

Thresholds	a) Attestation that the appointed leader(s) for AMS has completed infection diseases specialty training (see above)	b) Providing the percentage of current prescribers and pharmacists who have received training on AMS (see above)	Upload of hospital policy for AMS that includes a description of (a) and (b).
Point Awards 2023	3 points	3 points	4 points

NEW - Infection Prevention and Control – Emerging pathogen (also called emerging infectious diseases) – “EIDs” preparedness & response

Thresholds	Answer all of the 4 questions (see IPC measure guidelines)
Point Awards 2023	10 points

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NEW Sepsis – Protocols and education

Thresholds	Answer all the questions regardless of (yes or no) answers
Points Awards 2023	10 points

Equity Bias Reporting System

To receive all 10 points:

- Define “bias” in policies (y/n) and upload policy: 2 points
- Attest to providing bias education (y/n): 2 points
- Attest to bias system with 7 components (y/n) and upload documentation describing how all components are met: 6 points

Thresholds	Define “bias” in policies (y/n) AND upload policy	Attest to providing bias education (y/n)	Attest to bias system with 7 components (y/n) AND upload documentation describing how all components are met
Point Awards 2023	2 points	2 points	6 points

NEW – Health Disparities Action Plan

To receive 10 points (all or nothing):

- Attest to action plan with all 5 components (y/n)
- Upload Disparities Action Plan

Thresholds	Attest to action plan with all 5 components (y/n) Upload Disparities Action Plan
Point Awards 2023	10 points

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Equity SDOH Screening and Consultation

To receive all 10 points:

- Count of patients screened (numerator), count of inpatients (denominator), count of opt-outs and upload of stratification by REaL: 4 points

Note: There is no screening threshold. Points this year are awarded for submitting this data, not for the percent screened.

- Count of patients screened positive with action (numerator), count of patients screened positive (denominator) and upload of stratification by REaL: 4 points
- If at least 80% of patients screened positive have received action: 2 points

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Point Awards 2023	4 points	4 points	2 points

Diagnostic Excellence: identify diagnostic errors in current processes.

Measures to look for a diagnostic error in the systems already in place. (5 points)
One point each for the numerator and denominator where requested.

Five points for the completion of gap analysis.

A zero numerator could be a valid entry for no cases found over the 6-month time period.

When submitting data monthly, **all 6 months of data must be present for each category for total points.**

	Numerator	Denominator	Total potential points	Frequency
Measure 1	Yes	Yes	1	Monthly
Measure 2	Yes	Yes	1	Monthly
Measure 3	Yes	Yes	1	Monthly
Measure 4	Yes	Yes	1	Monthly
Measure 5	None	Total count only	1	6 month total
Gap Analysis -	NA	NA	5	Complete Once

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Behavioral Health Fall Prevention and Harm Reduction

All Falls

Thresholds	All Falls	Post Fall Huddle Completion documented with each fall	Fields 3 through 5 are to be reported with each fall (see above)	Fields 6 and 7 are to be reported with each fall (see above)
Point Awards 2023	2 points	60-79% = 1pt ≥ 80% = 2pts	60-79% = 1pt ≥ 80% = 3pts	60-79% = 1pt ≥ 80% = 3pts

Behavioral Health Measures –

Distributing opioid overdose reversal medication in EDs and behavioral health settings

Threshold	Policy provided	All 6 months of metrics given
Point Award 2023	5 points	5 points

NEW - Seclusion and Restraint

Threshold	All Events
Point Award 2023	10 points

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Workplace - Violence Events

Threshold	All Events
Point Award 2023	10 points

Safe Deliveries Roadmap (SDR) – Screening for Pregnancy and Postpartum Status in Emergency Department Triage

This measure is worth 10 points. Hospitals must submit all six months to be considered.

Thresholds	≥ 50 to < 70%	≥ 70% to <90%	≥ 90%
Point Award 2023	3 points	7 points	10 points

Safe Deliveries Roadmap (SDR) – Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Protocol, Perinatal Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

This measure is worth 10 points. Hospitals must submit all six months to be considered.

Thresholds	Does not meet criteria	Meets only Part 1	Meets only Part 2	Meets Part 1 AND Part 2
Point Award 2023	0 points	3 points	7 points	10 points

Climate Change

Survey on Climate Change and Health

Threshold	Submission of greenhouse gas emissions survey in QBS	Submission of greenhouse gas emissions data
Point Award 2023	5 points	5 points