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TO: REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM – PREVENTION AND WELLNESS MEASURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

The Department of Developmental Services' (Department) September 23, 2022 [letter](#) describes the [Quality Incentive Program](#) (QIP). This correspondence provides information regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Prevention and Wellness measure designed to collect baseline information regarding preventative health services during calendar year (CY) 2023. The incentive for this measure is available to Family Home Agency (FHA), Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE), Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home (EBSH), and Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN) providers. Participation is voluntary.

Quality Measure and Desired Outcome

The desired outcome of this quality measure is to collect baseline data regarding the preventative health services listed below. This data will inform the establishment of incentives in future years that promote timely primary care, dental care, and other ongoing preventative screenings for individuals served by these providers, at intervals recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF):

Preventative Health Screening	Eligible Population	Recommended Screening Interval
Seen and examined by Primary Care Provider (PCP)	All adults ages 18 and older	At least once per year
Dental exam	All adults ages 18 and older	At least once per year
Pap smear	Women ages 21-65	At least once in the past three years
Mammogram	Women ages 50-74	At least once in the past two years
Colorectal screening via test or exam as indicated	All adults ages 45-75	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stool-based test annually; • Flexible sigmoidoscopy within the past five years; or • Colonoscopy within the past ten years

Incentive Amount for Reporting

This quality measure provides an incentive for providers that report the following data for individuals living in that home for six months or longer in CY 2023:

For each individual who lived in the home for six months or longer in CY 2023, an incentive of \$1,000 will be paid per individual for data submitted by the provider regarding all preventative health screenings recommended for that individual.

Examples:

- (A) For a female age 50 and older, the provider must submit information regarding mammogram, PAP smear, colorectal screening, and annual physical and dental exams; or
- (B) For a male age 18-44, the provider must submit information regarding only annual physical and dental exams.

Select Exemption Criteria:

In limited circumstances, individuals living in an FHA, RCFE, EBSH, or ARFPSHN may be excused from receiving a particular preventative health screening if:

- The preventative health screening is contraindicated, or
- An individual or their conservator or legal guardian declines a health screening.

These individuals must be included in the reporting described above. The provider must note on the reporting form the reason the preventative health screening was exempted, if applicable.

Incentive Amount for Timely Screenings - ARFPSHNs

For ARFPSHNs only, the following additional incentive(s) will be paid for each reported individual who received preventative health screenings within the USPSTF's recommended screening intervals:

- a) \$200 for an annual physical exam;
- b) \$200 for an annual dental exam; and
- c) \$200 total for PAP smear, mammogram, and/or colorectal screenings if required based on age and gender.

Examples:

- (A) For a female age 50 and older who received a mammogram, PAP smear, and colorectal screening within the recommended screening interval, the provider would receive an incentive of \$200; or
- (B) For an individual age 18-44 who received both a dental exam and an annual physical exam, the provider would receive an incentive of \$400.

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Required Reporting Criteria

In January 2024, all FHA, RCFE, EBSH, and ARFPSHN providers will receive an email from the Department inviting them to participate in this QIP measure. The email will include a link to the electronic reporting form posted on the Department's QIP website. Providers will have at least 30 days to complete reporting for each home.

Data Validation and Incentive Payment Processing

After the data has been reviewed and validated, the Department will instruct regional centers to issue incentive payments, as appropriate, to each provider. The incentive payment will be paid using a contract authorization, a service code associated with the provider's vendor number, and subcode QIPH2. At the time payment of the incentive is made, the facility must meet eligibility criteria for vendorization under [Subchapter 2, Chapter 3, Division 2 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations](#), as evidenced by being a current regional center vendor.

Training and Information

The Department will provide webinars on October 11, October 16, October 18, and October 24, 2023 for regional centers and FHA, RCFE, EBSH, and ARFPSHN providers. Future webinars will include instruction on how to report this information using the online portal. These webinars will explain the details of this measure, reporting requirements and logistics, and describe issuance of incentive payments. The Department encourages all FHA, RCFE, EBSH, or ARFPSHN providers to attend these sessions.

If you have any questions regarding the QIP program or these prevention and wellness incentives, please email QIPWellness@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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