



MEQC Roundtable

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Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)

- CHIPRA required CMS to review PERM and MEQC requirements and coordinate each program's efforts.
- CHIPRA allows for substitution of MEQC data to complete PERM reviews.
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- Substitution applies to Medicaid and Title XXI Medicaid Expansion only.



MEQC Data Substitution

In order to substitute MEQC data for PERM:

- Must administer “traditional” MEQC reviews.
- Work with Statistical Contractor to develop the appropriate sample size.
- No PERM stratification is necessary, but must identify the last case action for each sampled case.
- CMS will calculate two error rates for PERM and MEQC.



PERM Data Substitution

In order to substitute PERM data for MEQC:

- Will require a State Plan Amendment.
- Submit approved PERM sampling plan to CMS Regional Office.
- Report on PERM eligibility reporting website as usual.
- Share error findings with CMS Regional Office.
- CMS will calculate two error rates for PERM and MEQC.



REMINDERS

- Regional Office Contacts
- Basics of a Sampling Plan or Pilot Proposal



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Basics of a Sampling Plan or Pilot Proposal

- Identify your sampling unit.
- Describe your universe of sampling units.
- Where are you pulling the universe from?
- How large is the universe?
- Sample Size
- Method of selection, e.g. systematic random sample



Basics of a Sampling Plan or Pilot Proposal

- Describe the sampling timeframe. (October through September) and/or the timeframe that each case is reviewed (First 30 days of eligibility)?
- Describe the review methodology, i.e. What are you reviewing and how?



PERM Eligibility Component Regulatory Changes



CHIP Error Rate Election

- FY 2007 States can choose to accept or decline their 2007 CHIP error rate.
- FY 2008 States can choose to accept or decline their 2008 CHIP error rate.
- Any States that decline their rate will must accept the error rate calculated in FY 2013 or FY 2011, respectively.
- Declining States will return to the base sample size.



Maximum Sample Size

- Established a maximum sample size of 1,000 active cases and 1,000 negative cases.
- Statistical tests suggest that some States would need to sample significantly more than 1,000 cases to meet State-level precision
- Puts a limit on expenditures.



Express Lane Eligibility

- States that have implemented Express Lane Eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP must exclude them from PERM measurement.
- Separate eligibility review will be established specifically for those cases.



Self-Declaration

- States may accept current self-declared information in case record so long as it meets State requirements.
- Self-Declared information must also be
 - Documented in the record,
 - Information must not be more than 12 months old, or
 - Information must originate from the last case action,
 - If a signed statement, must be in a valid, State-approved format, and
 - Must be consistent with other facts in the case record.



Eligibility Appeals

- Appeals for eligibility review findings should be conducted in accordance with the States' appeals processes.
- For States that may not have a State appeals process in place, one may be developed, or
 - CMS will allow findings to be made available to the State Medicaid Agency for review.
 - CMS will facilitate documentation exchange.
- CMS will only rule on disputes based on Federal Medicaid or CHIP policy.



Eligibility Sampling Unit

- A “case” is now an individual or family enrolled in or denied or terminated from Medicaid or CHIP.
- States may sample either the individual or family unit or both (e.g. sample the assistance unit that may be an individual or family), so long as the universe totals reflect the sampling unit used.
- Each member of the family unit must have its eligibility reviewed.



Eligibility Error Rates

- The Statistical Contractor will calculate PERM eligibility error rates.
- States will only be required to submit the data.
- Calculators will still be available for use.



Stratification

- States have the option to stratify active cases or not to stratify active cases.
- States that do not stratify will determine the review month and review each active case based upon the last action.
- Option does not affect the sample size or statistical validity.



PERM Eligibility Questions?

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