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Dear Align. Measure. Perform. (AMP) Program Participant,

We want to remind you of the upcoming changes NCQA is making to our certification and audit programs. These changes increase consistency and validity of measure results reported by health plans and physician organizations (POs) for the AMP Programs.

Beginning with measurement year (MY) 2019, health plans and POs who choose to use a vendor to calculate their AMP program results must use an NCQA-certified vendor.

Health plans and POs that run their own measure results (without using a vendor) have three options to report results for MY 2019.

1. Continue to program and run their own measures and undergo the required manual source code review (MSCR) by an NCQA-certified HEDIS® Compliance Auditor for their AMP program submissions. *Option ends with MY 2021.*
2. Contract directly with NCQA and use NCQA's test-deck process to certify their measure logic using NCQA's automated source code review (ASCR) program.
3. Contract directly with an NCQA certified vendor.

NCQA will discontinue MSCR as part of the HEDIS Compliance Audit (and AMP program) for MY 2021. Beginning with MY 2021 (for reporting year 2022), all health plans and POs must either transition to an NCQA-certified vendor or contract directly with NCQA for certification through the ASCR process. If your PO is interested in contracting with an NCQA certified vendor, a complete list of NCQA-certified vendors for MY 2018 is available [here](#).

Below is a timeline and answers to frequently asked questions. For more information about NCQA's certified vendor program, please contact us directly.

Sincerely,

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Q: Given the changes to NCQA’s certification and audit requirements, what are the options for health plans and POs to report for the AMP program in MY 2019 and beyond?

A: This table outlines the certification and audit options for MY 2019 and beyond.

Health Plan and PO Options	MY 2019	MY 2020	MY 2021
Calculate measure results internally using <u>uncertified</u> software and undergo an audit with MSCR*	✓	✓	
Use an NCQA-certified vendor and undergo an audit without MSCR	✓	✓	✓
Calculate measure results internally using NCQA-certified software (ASCR) and undergo an audit without MSCR	✓	✓	✓

*As of MY 2019, health plans and POs may no longer use uncertified vendors to calculate AMP program measure results.

Q: Where is the current list of NCQA-certified vendors?

A: The list of NCQA-certified vendors for MY 2018 is available [here](#).

Q: Does this new policy apply to HEDIS health plan reporting?

A: Yes; the same requirements and timing will apply to HEDIS health plan reporting.

Q: Will NCQA release sample test decks for organizations to review?

A: Yes; organizations may enter into a no-cost agreement to receive a sample measure test deck from a previous AMP program MY.

Q: When will the AMP program certification materials be finalized?

A: NCQA released final AMP certification materials in July 2019. Test decks will be available in early 2020.

Q. Are any AMP program measures not available for certification by a NCQA-certified vendor or ASCR?

A: Yes; some AMP program measures are not currently eligible for certification because of how they are collected and reported. The final list of measures available for MY 2019 certification for the AMP program was included in materials released in July 2019.