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Subject: Clarification: Reporting Zero for P4R Metrics
Attachments: Numerator of Zero Letter Final.pdf; Zero Reporting Standards Final.pdf

Hello PRIME Managers and MTAC members,

As we have received a number of concerned inquiries from members over the past week in response to the attached DHCS' August 15 "Numerator of Zero Letter", we're very happy to provide a clarification that will put many minds at ease.

We spoke with DHCS today who confirmed that, as per the "Zero Reporting Standards" document (attached) that has been on PRIMEOne for the last several months, for DPHs reporting on P4R metrics:

"Metric funds will be paid out if the denominator is 30 or greater and zero is in fact, the numerator, based on the actual data."

"based on the actual data" means that in order to report a numerator of zero for any P4R metric during DY 12-15, the DPH must have reportable data to back up that zero, in the form of a report with an appropriately-sized sample (i.e., appropriately sized based on the total population being measured) or query of their total population denominator, either of which has resulted in a zero.

That DPH would need to be ready to show that sampled and/or total population report (methodology and/or results) to DHCS to support the reported zero.

If the DPH does this, they will get paid, despite having a zero numerator.

The DPH will also be required to provide an explanation as to why they are reporting zero at that time for that metric.

The "Numerator of Zero Letter" was intended to reinforce the idea that PRIME Entities should be working on quality/performance improvement for all PRIME metrics for which they are being paid, including P4R metrics, even if the metric numerators do not yet show the outcomes of those efforts.

We will address any questions members might have on this issue, during this Thursday's Office Hours from 12-1.

Thank you for your inquiries on this topic.

David

