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Dear PRIME Entities,

Please see below for three important PRIME updates:

1) SBIRT Metrics

Thank you for submitting your comments regarding the SBIRT v. HEDIS ASF metric decision. DHCS has thoroughly considered each response and has decided to modify the existing SBIRT Metric to include brief screenings rather than completely replace the SBIRT with the HEDIS ASF metric. The Metric Modification Process, specified in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Attachment II, Section VI (C), mandates that all entities implementing the project with the relevant metric concur on the change. All entities did not concur on the change and the results of the survey are as follows:

Modified SBIRT	8
HEDIS ASF	15
Undecided (same entity submitted 2 conflicting responses)	2

More information on the implementation of this change will be released as it is available.

2) 1.2.10—REAL and/or SOGI Disparity Reduction

The updated specification adds the following under “Other Notes as applicable”:

“For selected disparity populations performing at or above the 90th percentile, the target will be a 10% closure of the gap between prior year disparity population metric performance and the corresponding prior year PRIME population metric performance. Entities will not be eligible to receive 1.2.10 incentive payments for a disparity gap closure that is the result of a reduction in the performance of the corresponding overall population. All incentive payments for this metric will be commensurate with the percentage of the gap closed as a result of improvements in the disparity population.”

This policy will be effective in DY 14. Entities above the 90th percentile will be held to the current methodology of maintaining the 90th percentile for an AV of 1 at DY 13 Year-End. However, all entities are encouraged to continue reducing disparities as is the intent of this metric. DHCS may also reach out to individual entities regarding their disparity reduction plans.

3) 2.1.5—PC-02 Cesarean Section

The 90th percentile of 22% is effective DY 13 Year-End. The DY 13 benchmark document on [PRIMEone](#) has been revised to reflect this change. The PRIME Reporting Platform will be updated to reflect this change as well and all DY 13 Year-End payments will be made using this rate. More information regarding this change will be released soon.

Please contact your PRIME liaison with any questions.

Thank you,

The PRIME Team

