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To: DPH and DMPH who are participating in PRIME Project 3.4  
(Feel free to forward to the appropriate people at your organization)

SNI and DHLF would like to clarify the developments regarding PRIME Project 3.4. DHCS is aware that we are making these clarifications to you directly.

### **Is pilot testing the ePBMs required by PRIME in DY14 and DY15?**

No. DHCS decided not to include participation the TJC ePBM testing. The DY14 (and we anticipate DY15 as well) requirements for 3.4 are to continue to report on ePBM01, ePBM03 and ePBM04 as evidenced in the official DY14 benchmarks document.

### **Why did DHCS decide not include participation in pilot testing as a requirement?**

Through discussion with TJC via email and phone calls, DHCS carefully considered the possibility. Ultimately, DHCS felt that participation did not meet the intent of PRIME as a pay-for performance program. While participation in TJC testing is not required, DHCS, SNI, and DHLF highly encourage PRIME entities to volunteer to participate as pilot sites. It is a great learning opportunity for the health system to improve their PBM data capture and workflows. Involvement with the a national entity like TJC can help elevate the improvement work in your Blood Management department to ultimately better serve patients and steward blood products more wisely.

### **Will DHCS, SNI, or DHLF, be sharing DY14 or DY15 Project 3.4 data with TJC?**

While SNI and DHLF have shared data in the past with TJC, there are currently no plans to share further data with TJC. SNI and DHLF will encourage TJC to request any data directly from PRIME Entities to voluntarily share. Or, TJC may access 3.4 data once DHCS posts publicly. If the situation changes, we'll let you know.

### **Will TJC continue to steward the ePBM versions used in PRIME?**

TCJ has committed to DHCS to continue to answer measures questions as they arise from PRIME Entities.

### **What if I have metric questions/concerns about ePBM01, ePBM03 and ePBM04 for PRIME?**

Please adhere to the usual PRIME metric Q&A workflow: DPH send questions to SNI. DMPH enter questions into PCS. NCQA and SNI triages the questions and sends directly to TJC as the measure steward. NCQA and SNI will provide TJC's response back to the Entity and archive in the PRIME PCS report available on DHCS PRIMEone site. Questions that have been posed in the past and not have been answered yet will be provided to TJC by SNI.

**How can I stay connected to the development of TJC’s revised ePBMs or provide feedback?**

If Entities want to provide comment or questions in the context of TJC pilot testing and measure feedback, Entities can voluntarily correspond directly with TJC via JohnMarc Alban ([JAlban@jointcommission.org](mailto:JAlban@jointcommission.org)) or via the Public Comment link (see attached email) by Nov 15.

**Have any further questions?**

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Thanks,  
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