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I. Policy and Reporting News

- **APM Requirement Reports – by 3/15/19.** The second annual APM reporting deadline is approaching. As a reminder, PRIME seeks to support sustainable delivery system reform through a requirement that Designated Public Hospitals use Alternative Payment Models (APMs) in which the system assumes some risk for the cost and quality of services provided to Medi-Cal managed care members. Systems are required to contract with at least one Medi-Cal managed care plan in the service area that they operate in using an APM in 2018, 2019 and 2020. DHCS has sent a [reporting template](#) to DPHs to be completed and returned by March 15. For more information, please contact [Allison Homewood](#) (510-874-7115) or visit [SNI Link/APM](#).
- **Policy Letter.** On February 26, DHCS released PRIME Policy Letter 19-003, clarifying reporting instructions for metric 3.2.4 (Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain (red flags, no time limit)). All policy letters are available in the PRIMEone [Policy Letter library](#).
- **Innovative Metric Feedback for DY15 Manual – by 3/15/19.** As part of the planned PRIME Innovative Metric Testing and Revision process, DHCS, SNI and DHLF are providing PRIME entities multiple opportunities for feedback on iterative drafts culminating in final drafts for the DY15 Reporting Manuals. Please provide feedback on the first round of innovative metric revisions on or before Friday, **March 15, 2018** via the SurveyMonkey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5YKJCLT>. See attached DHCS email announcement.
- **DY14 Manual.** PRIME entities must use the DY14 Mid-Year Reporting Manual, released by DHCS on January 11, for DY14 Mid-Year Reporting due March 31, 2019. CAPH members may access the manual on [SNI Link](#).
- **DY13 Clinical Report Review & High Performance Pool Funding.** DHCS anticipates completion of DY13 YE report review and feedback in Q2. HPP funding will be distributed after that time.
 - Please cc [Dana](#) on your responses to DHCS for any feedback or clarification.

II. PRIME Manager Support

- **REMINDER: DY13 Year-End Data.** SNI has analyzed DY13 Year-End Data and shared with members to understand their relative performance for improvement and peer sharing on [SNI Link](#).
- **NCQA Audit.** On November 20, 2018 (12-1), NCQA presented a refresher webinar about the optional PRIME audit process. The slide deck and recording will be posted [here](#) afterwards. *Reminder:* Please let [SNI](#) know if planning on engaging with an LO for an NCQA PRIME Audit.

- At the [January 2018 PRIME Manager](#) webinar, Natividad shared their PRIME audit experience and system impact.

III. **Implementation Resources & Opportunities** *more tools are posted under [Project Implementation Resources](#)*

- **Project 3.3: CHCS Webinar: Building the Business Case and Value-Based Payment Models for Enhanced Medication Management.** For people with complex health and social needs who also have complicated drug regimens, pharmacists can provide patient-centered, enhanced medication management services in coordination with other providers aimed at reducing risks and improving outcomes. During this 90-minute webinar, two sites will describe their innovative reimbursement models and tips for building the business case for payers to cover enhanced medication management services (Friday, March 1, 10-11:30 Pacific; register [here](#)).

IV. **Upcoming Events / Key Dates**

- **Mar 14 (12-1):** PRIME/QIP Office Hours. Materials to be saved [here](#).
- **Mar 27 (12-1):** QIP PC4 Webinar: Better Patient Engagement for Asthma Care Adherence. Register [here](#).
- **Upcoming DHCS Events:**
 - **Topic-Specific Learning Collaborative (TLCs).** See list of TLC meeting dates and materials on [PRIMEone](#)*. Questions can be directed to [Megan Thomas](#).
 - **October 29 & 30: PRIMEd Annual Conference.** The 2019 PRIMEd Annual Conference will be held on October 29th and 30th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Sacramento (2001 Point West Way). The official conference will take place on Wednesday, October 30, with optional activities available on Tuesday, October 29.
- **Key Dates**
 - **March 15:** provide feedback on the first round of innovative metric revisions
 - **March 15:** APM Requirement form due to DHCS
 - **March 31:** DY14 Mid-Year Reports due to DHCS

About: *The PRIME Express is sent monthly to CAPH members with information, tools and recent news about PRIME. If you have any topics suggested for a webinar or this Express, please contact [Dana Pong](#).*

All PRIME materials, including this newsletter, are posted on [SNI Link](#). SNI Link is open to all CAPH members with registration.

**Document sharing and discussion board for all PRIME participants can be found on [DHCS' PRIMEOne portal](#). Email PRIME@dhcs.ca.gov to obtain access.*

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