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Correction:

I inadvertently cut off the last row in the table in my original email. See added row and corrected text in blue below.

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Dear PRIME Managers ([short list](#)),

As you are already aware through DHCS Policy Letter *PPL 19-002*, metric 1.2.5.b, 1.5.1.b, 2.5.2 *Controlling High Blood Pressure* has a trending break between DY13 (HEDIS 2017 spec) and DY14 (HEDIS 2019 spec). Hence, DHCS will be adopting the national Medicaid HEDIS 2019 benchmarks for DY15 for this measure which unfortunately won't be released by NCQA until this October. (The other PRIME measures using HEDIS benchmarks will use HEDIS 2018 benchmarks for DY15). When you see the official PRIME DY15 Benchmarks document from DHCS later this month, it will say something like "Benchmarks to be released in October" for this metric.

To help you estimate the benchmark and your targets in the interim, I'm reflecting back everyone's DY14 Mid-Year rates, comparing the DY13 spec (as reported in the DY14MY data fields) vs. DY14 spec (as reported in the DY14MY narrative section)

system	DY14MY (using DY13 spec)	DY14 MY (using DY14)	Δ =Trending Break
ARMC	0.7924	0.5809	-0.2115
UCSF	0.7532	0.6279	-0.1253
KMC	0.7021	0.5865	-0.1156
UCD	0.8099	0.7155	-0.0944
UCSD	0.7346	0.6402	-0.0944
SMMC	0.7698	0.6837	-0.0861
CCRMC	0.7582	0.6823	-0.0759
UCI	0.726	0.6539	-0.0721
UCLA	0.7028	0.6458	-0.0570
NMC	0.7202	0.6667	-0.0535
RUHS	0.7167	0.6721	-0.0446
AHS	0.7443	0.7054	-0.0389
SFHN	0.799	0.7633	-0.0357
SCVMC	0.6593	0.6339	-0.0254
SJGH	0.6415	0.6218	-0.0197
VCMC	0.6898	0.6732	-0.0166
LACDHS	0.6767	0.6632	-0.0135

Average Δ = -0.0694

Median Δ = -0.0570

If the DPH data was any indication, we can expect the HEDIS 2019 benchmarks for this metric to be lower than DY14 benchmarks. Difference in absolute % ranged from 1.3% to 21% difference with most in the 4-10% range.

Note: I'll be updating the PRIME DY11-DY14 excel file on [SNI Link](#) once I finish collecting updated/approved DY14 Mid-Year reports, sometime in July.

Please email me and David Lown if you have any questions.

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Thanks,

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