About the Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to supporting states’ efforts to measure and improve the quality of health care for children and adults enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CMS established the Technical Assistance and Analytic Support (TA/AS) Program to support states in collecting, reporting, and using measures for four Core Sets of Medicaid/CHIP quality measures: Adult, Child, Maternal and Infant Health, and Health Homes. This fact sheet describes the support available through CMS’s TA/AS Program.

Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Topics

TA/AS for the Medicaid/CHIP quality measures is driven by states’ needs and covers a wide range of topics, such as:

- Interpreting technical specifications for the Core Set measures, including applications across delivery systems, data sources, and data collection approaches.
- Assessing data quality to improve completeness and accuracy of state reporting of the Core Set measures.
- Designing and implementing quality improvement initiatives focused on the Core Set measures.

CMS welcomes suggestions for future TA/AS topics.

Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Vehicles

The TA mailbox is an important vehicle for requesting and receiving TA/AS related to collecting, reporting, and using the Core Set measures. Issues raised by states inform annual updates to the technical specifications and resource manuals, and suggest topics for cross-cutting TA. CMS uses the TA mailbox to disseminate information about TA/AS resources and events. The TA/AS Program includes several other vehicles:

- Issue briefs, fact sheets, analytic reports, and toolkits share data on Medicaid and CHIP quality of care and address high-priority topics for quality measurement and improvement.

For Further Information

For more information about the Medicaid/CHIP Core Sets, or for resources produced by the TA/AS Program, visit https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/index.html.

To join our mailing list and receive updates on resources and events, please contact MACQualityTA@cms.hhs.gov.

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