

Quality Benchmark Public Hearing

Meeting Date	Meeting Time
December, 13 2023	10:00 am – 11:00 am

Supporting Agency Leadership & Agency Consultants					
Hanna Nagy, OHS	R	Michael Bailit, Bailit Health	R	Grace Flaherty, Bailit Health	R
Jeannina Thompson, OHS	R	R = Attended Remotely; IP = In Person; X = Did Not Attend			

Agenda			
	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Hanna Nagy	10:00am
Hanna Nagy called the hearing to order at 10:00am. Hanna reviewed the hearing agenda.			
2.	Background	Hanna Nagy/Grace Flaherty	10:05am
Hanna Nagy provided background on the Quality Benchmark measures and values. Grace Flaherty summarized the Phase 1 Quality Benchmark measures.			
3.	Proposed Changes to Phase 1 and Phase 2 Quality Benchmarks	Grace Flaherty	10:10am
<p><i>Phase 1 Quality Benchmark Measures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Flaherty explained that due to significant specification changes to the <i>HbA1c Control for Patients with Diabetes:HbA1c Poor Control</i> measure by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for measurement year (MY) 2024, OHS was proposing that this measure be assigned “reporting-only” status for MY 2024, i.e., not be reported against a benchmark value. Grace said OHS would re-evaluate the 2025 Quality Benchmark value after performance was reported for MY 2024 with the potential to adjust the MY 2025 Quality Benchmark value. <p><i>Phase 2 Quality Benchmark Measures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace shared that, after discussions with its Quality Council, OHS was proposing Quality Benchmark values for 2024 for the Phase 2 Quality Benchmark measures and OHS was proposing to modify the 2025 values for the Phase 2 Quality Benchmark measures based on recent Connecticut performance. Grace shared that for the statewide Obesity Equity Measure, in addition to monitoring its original statewide Obesity Equity Measure, OHS proposed to monitor the obesity rate for the Black, non-Hispanic population against target values recommended by the Quality Council. 			
4.	Public Comment	Attendees	10:30am
<p>Hanna Nagy invited public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrie Guttman from Nuvance Health asked whether the measure specifications for the Quality Benchmark measures would be available, especially for <i>Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes</i> given the significant specification changes to that measure. Hanna Nagy said that the measure specifications would be posted on OHS’ website when the Quality Benchmark updates were finalized. 			

5.	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	Hanna Nagy	11:00am
<p>Hanna Nagy said that OHS would be accepting written public comment until the end of the day on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. Hanna said comments should be emailed to OHS@ct.gov with “Public Comment: Quality Benchmarks Hearing” in the subject line. Hanna said OHS will finalize the Quality Benchmark measures and values no later than December 31, 2023. Hanna called the meeting to a close at 11:01am.</p>			