#### **Part I- Development Activities**

QI Development Activities (New requirements or new processes)	Responsible Person(s)	Committee(s)	Completion Date
New 2020 NCQA Standard Requirements			
Ensure the QI program description explains the relationship between QI and PHM program oversight and operations (QI 1A).	J. Adams	Performance Improvement Committee (PIC)	
Ensure the cultural needs and preferences analysis considers either data gathered from members OR literature on cultural needs and preferences of individuals with similar race,	P. Haedrich	Customer Satisfaction Committee (CS)	
ethnicity and linguistic characteristics of your members and assesses whether your practitioner network meets member needs (NET 1A).		Performance Improvement Committee (PIC)	
Conduct a separate analysis of out-of-network behavioral health requests and utilization for all accredited product lines when evaluating behavioral health network adequacy (NET	P. Haedrich	Customer Satisfaction Committee (CS)	
3A).		Performance Improvement Committee (PIC)	
Develop a policy and procedure that outlines the process to maintain data integrity for the UM denial system which meets UM 12A requirements.	S. Sanderson	Health Outcomes and Patient Engagement Committee (HOPE)	
		Performance Improvement Committee (PIC)	
Implement the audit process required to assess the data integrity for the UM denial system (UM 12A).	S. Sanderson	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Develop a policy and procedure that outlines the process to maintain data integrity for the UM appeal system which meets UM 12B requirements.	D. Siciliano	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Implement the audit process required to assess the data integrity for the UM appeal system (UM 12B).	D. Siciliano	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Develop a policy and procedure that outlines the process to maintain data integrity for the credentialing system which meets CR 1C requirements.	C. Gehringer	Credentialing/Peer Review Committee	
Implement the audit process required to assess the data integrity for the credentialing system (CR 1C).	C. Gehringer	Credentialing/Peer Review Committee	

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Ensure that new member communications for members in commercial and Marketplace product lines includes content which informs them about the right to external independent review of appeals (ME 3A).	D. Siciliano	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	1/2020

#### Part II- Annual QI Activities

Annual QI Activities	Annual Review <sup>1</sup>	Responsible Person	Committee(s)	Completion Date
Prepare QI Program Evaluation (QI 1).	Yes	J. Adams	PIC	
Prepare QI Program Description (QI 1)	Yes	J. Adams	PIC	
Incorporate the recommendations from the QI program evaluation.				
Prepare the annual QI work plan (QI 1)	Yes	J. Adams	PIC	
Monitor previously identified issue (QI 1): Specify issue identified through		J. Adams	PIC	
QI process which needs follow through to ensure actions were effective				
Monitor at least four aspects of continuity and coordination of care between medical care providers (QI 3A). Data must be collected on both member	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
<ul> <li>movement between practitioners and member movement across settings.</li> <li>➤ Identify four opportunities for improvement, at least one for each aspect measured</li> </ul>			PIC	
Implement actions to improve three aspects of continuity and coordination	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
of care between medical care providers (QI 3B).			PIC	
Measure the effectiveness of at least three actions implemented to improve	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
continuity and coordination of care between medical care providers (QI 3C).			PIC	7
Monitor the continuity and coordination of medical and behavioral health care, addressing all 6 requirements in this element. Analyze results and	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
implement at least two actions to address opportunities for improvement (QI 4A-B)			PIC	
Measure the effectiveness of at least two actions implemented to improve	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
continuity and coordination of care between medical and behavioral health care providers (QI 4C).			PIC	
Review and approve the QI program for all QI delegates, regardless of NCQA accreditation or certification status (QI 5C factor 1)	Yes	N/A if no delegation		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NCQA's Scoring Guidelines include requirements for completion of a number of activities on an "annual" basis. NCQA defines annual as **at least every 12 months** with a two-month grace period. Annual reviews completed within 14 months of the previous review receive a full compliance designation. Work plan activities with an "annual" requirement are denoted with a "Yes" in the Annual Review Column.

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Conduct an analysis of the needs and characteristics of the entire health plan population. Identify sub-populations that require assistance and	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
determine whether the current population health program services and resources are adequately meeting those needs (PHM 2B and C).			PIC	
Compile a report that demonstrates your process to at least annually	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
segment and stratify the entire enrolled population into subsets for targeted intervention based on their health needs (PHM 2D).			PIC	
Conduct a comprehensive analysis of PHM strategy activities (PHM 6A).	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE	
Complete the data analysis and implement actions to improve performance for at least one opportunity (PHM 6B).		J. Adams	PIC	
Measure PCP, high-volume and high impact specialist, and behavioral	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
health practitioner availability against organization standards (NET 1B-D).			PIC	
Measure compliance with organization standards for PCP appointment and	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
after-hours accessibility (NET 2A).			PIC	
Measure compliance with organization standards for behavioral health	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
practitioner appointment accessibility (NET 2B).			PIC	
Measure compliance with organization standards for high volume and high	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
impact specialist appointment accessibility (NET 2C).			PIC	
Analyze member experience with accessing the network through review of member complaints, appeals, member survey data about access and out-	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
of-network utilization for behavioral health and non-behavioral health services to identify network gaps which could impact member ability to access care (NET 3A).			PIC	
Identify opportunities to improve access to non-behavioral health services through review of data from NET 1B and C and NET 2A and C analyses plus member complaints, appeals, out-of-network utilization and CAHPS	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
survey results related to non-behavioral health network adequacy. Implement actions to address at least one opportunity and measure the effectiveness of those interventions (NET 3B).			PIC	

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Identify opportunities to improve access to behavioral health services through review of data from NET 1D and NET 2B analyses plus member complaints, appeals, out-of-network utilization and survey results related to	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
behavioral health network adequacy. Implement actions to address at least one opportunity and measure the effectiveness of those interventions (NET 3C).			PIC	
Evaluate the accuracy of the online physician directory data on office locations and phone numbers, hospital affiliations, accepting new patients and awareness of physician office staff of practitioner network participation	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS	
status using valid methodology. Analyze results, identify opportunities to improve the accuracy of information in the directory and implement action to improve performance (NET 6C and D).			PIC	
Review and approve the network management procedures for all NET delegates, regardless of NCQA accreditation or certification status (NET 7E factor 1)		N/A if no delegation		
Prepare UM Program Evaluation (UM 1)	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE PIC	
Prepare UM Program Description (UM 1)  Incorporate recommendations from UM Program Evaluation	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE PIC	_
Review and update UM criteria (UM 2).	Yes	S. Sanderson	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Evaluate consistency of UM decision-making by all reviewers (UM 2)  Implement actions for improvement based on results	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE PIC	
Analyze the timeliness of all UM decisions and notifications (both approvals and denials). Report data separately for each UM case type (urgent and	No	S. Sanderson A. Albans	HOPE	
non-urgent precertification, urgent concurrent and post-service) for non-behavioral, behavioral and pharmacy services (UM 5D).			PIC	
Distribute formulary information to all existing practitioners and members (UM 11B).	Yes	B. Spitz	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	

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Review and update pharmacy management procedures (UM 11D).	Yes	B. Spitz	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Review and update the formulary (UM 11D)	Yes	B. Spitz	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Review and approve the UM program for all UM delegates, regardless of NCQA accreditation or certification status (UM 13E factor 1)	Yes	S. Sanderson	HOPE PIC	
Report data on tracking and trending patterns of complaints and sentinel events/adverse occurrences about individual practitioners at least every 6 months (CR 5)	Semi- annual	C. Gehringer	Credentialing/Peer Review Committee	
Review and approve the CR program for all CR delegates, regardless of NCQA accreditation or certification status (CR 8C factor 1)	Yes	N/A if no delegation		
Distribute notice informing all existing practitioners and members about the opportunity to request a copy of the Member Rights and Responsibility Statement (ME 1B).	Yes	J. Adams	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Distribute information about how to use benefit plan to all existing members (ME 2A).	Yes	C. Martinez	N/A – Tracking and Monitoring	
Measure the quality and accuracy of pharmacy benefit information communicated via the web, assessing each function required in ME 5A (ME 5C).	Yes	B. Spitz	Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P and T) PIC	
Measure the quality and accuracy of pharmacy benefit information communicated via the phone (ME 5C).	Yes	B. Spitz	P and T PIC	
Measure the quality and accuracy of PCP change requests submitted via the web (ME 6C).	Yes	P. Haedrich	CS PIC	
Measure the quality and accuracy of information regarding services requiring referral and authorization on the web (ME 6C).	Yes	S. Sanderson	CS PIC	

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Measure the quality and accuracy of treatment cost estimator information	Yes	S. Berberich	CS	
available on the web (ME 6C).			PIC	
Measure the quality and accuracy of information communicated via the phone regarding which services require referral and authorization and	Yes	D. Siciliano	CS	
estimated treatment costs (ME 6C).			PIC	
Measure email inquiry turnaround time and quality of responses (ME 6D).	Yes	D. Siciliano	CS	
			PIC	
Complete an analysis of non-behavioral health related member complaints,	Yes D. Siciliano	CS		
appeals, and CAHPS satisfaction survey results to identify opportunities to address sources of member dissatisfaction (ME 7C and D).			PIC	
Conduct a separate analysis of member complaints and appeals related to	Yes	D. Siciliano	CS	
behavioral health services (ME 7E).			PIC	
Conduct a separate survey to measure member satisfaction with behavioral	Yes	D. Siciliano	CS	
health services (ME 7E).			PIC	
Identify opportunities to improve behavioral health services based on ME 7E analyses, implement actions to improve performance and measure the	Yes	D. Siciliano	CS	
effectiveness of the actions (ME 7F).			PIC	
Perform annual delegation site visits to evaluate compliance with Health Plan and NCQA standards (QI 5, PHM 7, NET 6, UM 13, CR 8, ME 8)	Yes	N/A if no delegation		
Collect HEDIS and CAHPS data for all accredited product lines.	Yes	J. Adams	CS (CAHPS) PIC	

#### Part III -Biennial QI Activities

Biennial QI Activities <sup>2</sup>	Responsible Person	Committee	Completion Date
Prepare a report which shows the percent of total payments made during the reporting	R. Barnard	HOPE	
period that are value-based payments (VBP). Categorize the organization's VBP arrangements into the types outlined in the PHM 3B explanation for reporting (PHM 3B).	S. Berberich M. Ruel	PIC	
Assess the racial, ethnic, linguistic and cultural needs and characteristics of members	P. Haedrich	CS	7/2019
and determine whether the contracted provider network adequately meets those needs (NET 1A)		PIC	-
Conduct usability testing of the online practitioner directory whenever changes are made	P. Haedrich	CS	
to the user interface, but no less than every three years (NET 6K).		PIC	
Evaluate new member understanding of marketing communications and implement	C. Martinez	CS	7/2019
actions to improve (ME 3C).		PIC	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This section lists NCQA requirements that must be performed at least every 2 years. You may perform them annually if desired, but that is not required.