

EQR Table 5. Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) Included in External Quality Review (EQR) Technical Reports, 2022–2023 Reporting Cycle, By State and Child and Adult Core Sets Domain

Summary: This table shows the overall PIP counts by state and Child and Adult Core Sets domain.^a It also shows the populations included in each domain’s PIPs: adult (A), child (C), or unspecified (U). For purposes of this table, the term “child” also includes “adolescents.” All 45 states that submitted EQR technical reports for the 2022–2023 reporting cycle reported at least one PIP, for a total of 1,391 PIPs (Tables 6 - 10). The three most common PIP domains were: (1) Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions (35 states reported at least one PIP in this domain), (2) Behavioral Health Care (33 states), and (3) Primary Care Access and Preventive Care (31 states).

Domain	Total States Reporting PIPs	Total PIPs ^b																																																		
			AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	DC	DE	FL	GA	HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	MD	MI	MN	MO	MS	NC	ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH	OR	PA	RI	SC	TN	TX	UT	VA	VT	WA	WI	WV	WY					
Total PIPs^b	45	1,391	21	10	15	209	15	9	6	34	8	12	4	8	25	29	18	13	38	49	18	127	30	6	23	48	2	4	6	36	15	8	69	5	37	49	42	6	28	147	25	24	1	32	66	12	2					
Behavioral Health Care	33	466	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	A, C	A	A	A, C	C	A, C	-	A	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	C				
Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions	35	259	A, C	A, C	C	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	C	-	A	-	A	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A	A	-	A, C	A, C	A	A	A, C	A, C	A, C	A	A	A	-	A, C	-	A	A	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	-	-			
Dental and Oral Health Services	18	81	-	C	A, C	A, C	C	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	C	-	-	A, C	C	C	-	C	C	A, C	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-				
Experience of Care	8	21	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	-	U	-	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	-				
Long-Term Services & Supports	16	225	-	A, C	-	-	-	A	A	A, C	-	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	-	A	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	-	-			
Maternal and Perinatal Health	24	138	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	-	A	-	A, C	A	A	-	-	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	-	-			
Primary Care Access and Preventive Care	31	351	A, C	C	A, C	A, C	-	C	-	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	C	A, C	A, C	C	A	A, C	C	A, C	-	-	-	A, C	A, C	-	C	-	-	C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	A, C	-	-	A, C	C	C	C	-	-			
Other Topics ^c	7	36	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	A, C	A, C	A	-	-	-	-	A, C	-	A, C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Acronyms: CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; COVID-19 = Coronavirus Disease; EQR = External Quality Review; EQRO = External Quality Review Organization; GU = Guam; PIP = Performance Improvement Project; PR = Puerto Rico; SDOH = Social Determinants of Health; USVI = United States Virgin Islands.

Source: EQR technical reports for the 2022–2023 reporting cycle. EQR technical reports must be publicly posted by April 30 of each year. Information about the EQR process is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/medicaid-managed-care/external-quality-review/index.html>.

Notes: The following two states and territories did not post EQR technical reports by the April 30 deadline: PR and VT. VT posted its report after the April 30 deadline but is included in this table. SC posted EQR technical reports for some of its managed care plans by the April 30 deadline. Therefore, the table includes only partial information for SC. During the 2022–2023 reporting cycle, the following eight states and territories did not contract with a qualifying managed care plan subject to EQR: AK, CT, GU, ME, MT, OK, SD, and USVI.

EQR technical reports must include information on the validation of PIPs required by the state that were underway during the preceding 12 months.

An “A,” “C,” or “U” indicates the populations included in the state’s PIP in each domain; a dash (-) indicates that the state’s plans did not conduct a PIP related to the domain. PIPs can focus on an adult (A) population, a child (C) population, or an adult and child population. If a state’s PIP included adult and child populations, it would appear as adult (A) and child (C) in the table. For some PIPs, the population could not be determined and therefore is listed as unspecified (U) in the table above.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, TX extended some of its PIPs. As a result, the 2022-2023 EQR technical report included information on PIPs underway between 2020 and 2023.

^a The requirements for states to mandate PIPs and have managed care execution of those mandates validated by an EQRO and reported to the state and CMS are detailed in 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.330, 438.358, and 438.364, respectively.

^b The total PIPs is the sum of PIPs across the domains included in this table: (1) Primary Care Access and Preventive Care, (2) Maternal and Perinatal Health, (3) Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions, (4) Behavioral Health Care, (5) Dental and Oral Health Services, (6) Experience of Care, (7) Long-Term Services & Supports, and (8) Other Topics. PIPs can focus on multiple domains; thus, the PIPs listed in this table are not mutually exclusive. For example, a PIP addressing topics in both the “Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions” domain and “Behavioral Health Care” domain is counted once in the

total PIP count, once in the “Care of Acute and Chronic Condition” domain, and once in the “Behavioral Health Care” domain. In addition, more than one managed care plan in a state may conduct a PIP related to each domain. In this case, each PIP would be counted in the Total PIPs column but only appear once in the state column if the PIPs focused on the same population.

° PIPs that addressed topics not covered in the seven Core Set domains are classified as “Other Topics.” The “Other Topics” category includes PIPs focused on incident notification timeframes (AR), COVID-19 (CA), beneficiary enrollment (CA), data quality (CA), children transitioning to adulthood from foster care (CA and GA), family functioning (CA), wellness programs (DE), health reimbursement arrangements (DE), administering transportation benefits (FL), health needs screenings (IN), assessments for SDOH (KY), and provider satisfaction (TN).