

Core Component	Review Criteria
1 - Participate in the Targeted Investment Program Quality Improvement Collaborative (QIC)	M1A. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in Fall 2024, that the organization has attended 100% of the QICs in the program year. AHCCCS will track and review Year 2 QIC group meeting attendance records for demonstration of 100% attendance. Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to validate QIC attendance unless there is a discrepancy.
	M1B. Submit name(s), through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in Fall 2024, of the individual(s) who have registered for the online learning platform and completed registration documentation (e.g., confirmation email message). Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to validate unless there is a discrepancy.
	M1C. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in Fall 2024, that the organization has submitted complete, timely projects to the ASU TIPQIC team in the program year. ASU TIPQIC will confirm that the organization has submitted all TI online projects by established due dates and the deliverables meet minimum expectations. Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to validate unless there is a discrepancy.

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2 - Plan and implement the National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards	M2A. Upload a completed National CLAS Standards implementation checklist, including a plan for implementing CLAS standards that are not yet in place. (i.e., standards for which the practice selected Planning to Implement or Not Planning to Implement at this Time). The plan must include: Organization review of standards 2-13 (2.2 through 2.13), The timeframe in which the practice aims to implement each standard, The individual(s) who leading implementation of each standard, A list of actions the practice is taking to implement each standard, and A description of additional resources the practice may need to implement each standard and how the practice plans to obtain such resources. M2A Naming Convention: CLAS Implementation Checklist and Implementation Plan

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M2B. Upload documentation that demonstrates how the practice recruits and supports a diverse practice team. The documents must include a description of:
☐ How the practice team reflects the diversity of the population the practice serves,
☐ How the practice's current recruiting and hiring processes support diversity,
☐ How the practice promotes diversity among various staff roles (e.g., clinical staff, practice management, clerical),
At least one opportunity to improve diversity throughout the practice (e.g., conducting regular assessments of hiring, retention and workforce demographics) and the practice's plan to act on that opportunity (e.g., promoting mentoring opportunities; building diversity-related performance metrics into management and leadership job descriptions and goals)
 How the practice includes information on providing culturally and linguistically appropriate care in staff training materials, and
 How the practice offers and incentivizes completion of training (in person or virtual) to all employees on providing culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
Examples for how to improve recruitment of diverse staff include: development of community-based internships; collaboration with local schools, training programs and faith-based organizations; advertisement of job postings through minority job fairs, job boards and newsletters; development of job postings that are in multiple languages, use gender neutral language, and that consider lived experience; and updating the hiring process to blind-review resumes.
M2B Naming Convention: Recruiting and Supporting a Diverse Practice Team
M2C. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in Fall 2024, that the processes described in 2B (Standards 2-4) have been implemented by 9/30/2024. Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to validate unless there is a discrepancy.

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	M2D. NCQA ONLY - Upload documentation that the practice expects will satisfy the requirements for:
	☐ NCQA HE 1.A (Building a Diverse Staff), detailing:
	activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
	HE 1.B. (Promoting DEI amongst staff), detailing:
	activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
	AHCCCS will confirm it meets other milestone elements (at minimum) and provide suggestions for what additional
	documentation NCQA may be looking for.
	M2D Naming Convention: NCQA- HE1.A and HE1.B
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3 - Implement a	M3A. Upload documentation that outlines how the practice educates the member, obtains consent, performs HRSN screening
process for screening	and discusses screening results. The documents must include:
addressing	☐ The name of the screening tool and included domains (containing, at minimum: housing instability, utility assistance,
health-related social	food insecurity, transportation needs, interpersonal safety, social isolation/support, employment, and justice
needs (HRSN)	involvement,). If the HRSN screening is combined with other intake or screening tools, provide a copy.
	The languages in which the screening tool is available;
	A description of the population from whom data are being collected;
	☐ When data are being collected (e.g., prior to the visit, during the visit);
	Where data are being collected (e.g., in the waiting room, in the visit room);How data are being collected (e.g., paper form, electronic survey);

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☐ Who collects data/conducts the screen (e.g., community health worker, medical assistant);
☐ A script (if the screen is administered live) and/or written description (if the screen is administered through a survey)
that explains for the member/family/caregiver:
why the practice is conducting the screening,
☐ how the information will be used,
☐ how the information will be shared,
what happens if a need is identified, and
\square how the practice will obtain and document member consent for performing the screening. This must include
educating members of the option to opt out of screening;
☐ The practice's process for reducing over screening of members that have recently been screened by a partner
organization (e.g., MCO, community service provider) and for which the practice has complete screening data;
How the practice confirms the screening results correctly identify all of the member's HRSN;, and
☐ How the practice obtains member consent to referrals to a resource or intervention.
M3A Naming Convention: HRSN Screening Tool and Screening Process
M3B. Upload documentation on the practice's process to document screening and referral results in the practice EHR. The
documents must include:
☐ The practice's policies for appropriately documenting a positive screen in the EHR (e.g., if practice chooses to
document the level of severity for an HRSN, it should be able to aggregate data to provide a yes/no assessment as to
whether the member has a positive need).
\square The practice's process for documenting the components from 3A in the EHR.
M3B Naming Convention: Screening and Referral Documentation Process
M3C. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in Fall 2024, that G and Z codes are utilized to document
screening and referral details through claims by 9/30/2024. Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to
validate unless there is a discrepancy.
M3C Naming Convention: Data Sharing and Confidentiality

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M3D. Upload documentation on the practice's process to protect data sharing and confidentiality. The documents must
include:
☐ Information on which practice staff can access which level of data and how the practice periodically updates such access,
Policies for how access to data may vary based on device (e.g., laptop, cell phone, paper records),
Policies for how the practice protects data based on device (e.g., password protection policies for electronic data,
locks to limit access to physical data),
☐ Details on permissible and impermissible use of data, and
☐ Information on how the practice communicates with members about its policies and procedures around maintaining
the privacy and security of individual data.
M3D Naming Convention: Signed CommunityCares SOW
M3E. NCQA ONLY - Upload documentation that the practice expects will satisfy the requirements for:
☐ NCQA HE 2.F (Privacy Protections for Data), detailing:
activities completed
activities to be completed
key milestones
key dates for completion
☐ NCQA HE 2.G (Notification of Privacy Protections), detailing:
activities completed
activities to be completed
key milestones
key dates for completion
AHCCCS will confirm it meets other milestone elements (at minimum) and provide suggestions for what additional
documentation NCQA may be looking for.
M3E Naming Convention: NCQA- HE2.F and HE2.G

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M3F. If the organization is using an externally-managed electronic closed loop referral system (CLRS) to identify resources,
uUpload:
CommunityCares: A signed CommunityCares Access Agreement and completed Partner Registration Sheet.
Other CLRS: A signed and dated statement from any representative at the external entity (MCO, ACO, CIN) managing the CLRS that:
 affirms the resources in the CLRS are available to the participating provider organization either directly or through coordinated case management offered by the external entity,
identifies the AHCCCS MCOs in which the resource is available (i.e. which MCOs the ACO/CIN contracts with).
☐ List of all AHCCCS MCOs that are contracted with the participating provider organization and indication of which CLRS is available for each.*
*Participants that do not utilize the CommunityCares system are expected to have mechanisms to identify community resources for all AHCCCS members. If a CLRS is not used for all contracted AHCCCS MCOs, participating organizations are required to indicate how resources are identified via 3G.
M3F Naming Convention: Signed CLRS SOW and Attestation
M3G. If the organization is not using an electronic closed loop referral system, upload:
☐ Signed attestation from a senior practice leader that the practice has developed and is actively maintaining a registry of CBOs in the practice service area. The practice should upload the most recent registry of CBOs with the attestation.
☐ A current copy of the CBO registry.
☐ The practice's process for selecting community service providers with which to establish agreements. The documents must, at a minimum, include a description of how the practice performs assessments of:
 whether the community service provider delivers services that address social needs that are prevalent within the practice population,
 □ whether the community service provider has the capacity and capability to serve the practice's members, and □ whether the community service provider delivers specialized services for a specific subpopulation that aligns
with the provider's member population (note: it may not always be feasible to select such partners).
*Participants are not required to satisfy 3G if using CommunityCares for this milestone.
M3G Naming Convention: CBO Registry and Maintenance Processes

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4 - Connect to and demonstrate effective use of the statewide closed loop referral system (CommunityCares), or other closed loop referral system(s) that can report referral-level information	M4A. Upload the practice's CommunityCares Access Agreement and onboarding plan. Documentation must include: The plan and timeline for onboarding the practice onto the platform (e.g., establish legal partnerships, create user accounts, develop custom reports and/or screening tools) and The plan and timeline for training providers on how to use the platform and troubleshooting any issues that arise with the platform (e.g., issues making or checking the status of a referral). M4A Naming Convention: CommunityCares Access Agreement and Onboarding Plan
	M4B. Upload a signed attestation from senior practice leadership (e.g., medical lead, financial lead, lead executive, or other practice leadership) that team members have accounts to log into CommunityCares. Must include: The name(s) and title(s) of practice team member(s) who have accounts to log into CommunityCares, The name and title of the individual who will serve as the administrator responsible for generating reports using CommunityCares data, and The name, role, and signature of the senior practice leader. M4B Naming Convention: Signed Attestation of Staff Access
	M4C. Upload documentation identifying the team member(s) responsible for utilizing the administrative functions of CommunityCares, including: Periodically updating information about practice operations: team member(s) responsible, the frequency of these updates, the specific data the practice updates, e.g., office hours, including weekend and after-hours availability, address, telephone number, service offerings (e.g., primary care, behavioral health care), cultural and linguistic capabilities, including languages (including American Sign Language) offered by the practice, either by providers or skilled medical interpreter (indicate if the interpreter is onsite or offsite), availability to accept referrals),

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website URL, and
whether the practice location has accommodations for individuals with physical disabilities, including in offices, exam room(s), equipment.
Generating reports:
team member(s) responsible
the types of reports that the practice generates (e.g., most common member needs, number of types of
referrals made, individuals who are making referrals, referral status), and
☐ the frequency each report is generated.
M4C Naming Convention: CommunityCares Administrative Processes
M4D. Upload documentation that describes the practice's policies and procedures for using CommunityCares and/or other
MCO, ACO, or CIN HRSN referral programs, as appropriate to make electronic service referrals to CBOs. Clearly state which
systems are used for each health plan and age group (Adults and Pediatrics). Documentation must include:
☐ How to request and document consent from patient to share information and refer to CBO for services;
☐ Description of explanation to member/family/caregiver of steps to expect once a referral is made;
☐ Description of practice process for making electronic referrals, including determining the need for referral based on
screening results, member/family/caregiver consultation and consent, practice team member responsible for making
referral, practice workflows for making and documenting referrals
☐ Description of process upon notification of fulfillment from CBO, including how the information will be transmitted to
the practice and process for documenting referral into member's EHR.
☐ If using a system other than CommunityCares: Documentation of processes to send referral data to AHCCCS,
including: AHCCCS ID, date screened, screening results, referral to (community service provider), referral date, referral
method (e.g., telephone), and current referral status.
If leveraging an MCO, ACO, or CIN referral program reports: Documentation of an implemented data sharing
agreement and processes for the entity to send screening and referral data, as described above, to AHCCCS on a monthly basis by 4/30/2025.
monthly basis by 4/30/2023.
M4D Naming Convention: Electronic Referral Processes

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5 - Identify health inequities prevalent within the population attributed to the practice and implement plans to reduce them	M5A. Submit a completed AHCCCS Health Equity Collaboration Analysis using the template provided by AHCCCS via Google Form or submitting the completed xls to TargetedInvestments@azahcccs.gov. Due 8/31/2024.
	M5B. NCQA ONLY - Submit an update on compliance with all required HE Accreditation elements applicable to providers as listed on the formal gap analysis and any relevant information related to the gap analysis, including initial findings, key dates, completed activities, remaining activities, etc. Due 9/30/2024.
	AHCCCS will provide the AHCCCS- Modified NCQA HEA 2024 Gap Analysis. Participants can prepare by reviewing the NCQA Gap Analysis tool in the NCQA IRT portal. NCQA will demonstrate how to use the IRT portal in a workgroup this May. Contact targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov if your team does not have the tool.
	M5C. Upload documentation that demonstrates the practice's process for collecting, documenting and maintaining member-reported demographic data for race/ethnicity, primary language, disability status, geography, sex assigned at birth, gender identity and sexual orientation. The documents must include:
	Process for collecting these data from members (i.e., when data are being collected, where data are being collected, how data are being collected, who collects the data, the questions and/or script being used to collect the data, which should include an explanation to the member of why the data are being collected, how data will be used, how it will not be used, and with whom it will be shared and for what purpose(s)),

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	Processes for reconciling differences in the member's EMR between the most recent member-reported data vs. data reported by AHCCCS and/or health plans,
	Procedures for sharing demographic data with members of the care team (i.e., information on which practice staff can
	access which level of data, how access to data may vary based on device, how the practice protects data based on
	device, permissible and impermissible use of data and how the practice communicates with members and updates its
	policies and procedures related to data sharing and confidentiality), and Screenshots of the fields in the practice EHR and intake forms to document each of the demographic variables for
	which the practice collects data, including the question format as well as the member response options for each
	variable, confirming:
	response options align with statewide data standards where specified by AHCCCS and
	☐ if applicable, the timeframe in which changes will be made to align with these standards.
AHCCCS	will define these standards consistent with Federal and State guidance in the Summer, 2024. Participants will have a
reasona	ble timeframe to implement these changes.
M5C Na	ming Convention: Member Demographic Processes
M5D. <mark>N</mark>	CQA Only - Upload documentation that the practice expects will satisfy the requirements for:
	NCQA HE 2.A (Systems for Individual-Level Data), detailing:
	☐ activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
	NCQA HE 2.B (Factor 1) [Collection of Data on Race/Ethnicity - Direct Collection of Data from All Individuals], detailing:
	activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
	NCQA HE 2.C (Factor 1) [Collection of Data on Language - Direct Collection of Language Needs from All Individuals], detailing:
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	activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
	☐ NCQA HE 2.D (Collection of Data on Gender Identity), detailing:
	activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
	NCQA HE 2.E. (Collection of Data on Sexual Orientation), detailing:
	activities completed
	activities to be completed
	key milestones
	key dates for completion
AI	HCCCS will confirm it meets other milestone elements (at minimum) and provide suggestions for what additional
	ocumentation NCQA may be looking for.
	15D Naming Convention: NCQA HE 2.A, HE 2.B-1, HE 2.C-1, HE 2.D, HE 2.E
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in m	ISE. Upload documentation that demonstrates the practice's policies and procedures for stratifying performance on quality incentive measures using clinical data stratified by (a) member-reported demographic data (i.e., the variables specified in hilestone 5.C) and/or (b) HRSN data collected in milestone 3 in the practice EHR. Practices should report stratified erformance for all subpopulations, regardless of the size of the denominator. Documentation must include:
	☐ Description of the source of referenced data (e.g., EMR, MCO gap-reports), including:
	frequency of receiving the data
	processes to pull or otherwise receive the data
	Description of how, if more than one source is used, the data are matched from one system to another (i.e. "primary
	index")
	☐ Description of how stratified metrics are generated (e.g., which EMR report)
	☐ If an ACO/CIN is assisting the practice with this effort, describe:

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how each ACO/CIN supports the clinic for mutual members
how the practice completes this effort for AHCCCS members not enrolled with the ACO/CIN.
M5E Naming Convention: Measure Stratification Processes
M5F. NCQA Only - Upload documentation that the practice expects will satisfy the requirements for:
☐ NCQA HE 6.A (Reporting Stratified Measures), detailing:
activities completed
activities to be completed
key milestones
key dates for completion
☐ NCQA HE 6.B (Use of Data to Assess Disparities), detailing:
activities completed
activities to be completed
key milestones
key dates for completion
AHCCCS will confirm it meets other milestone elements (at minimum) and provide suggestions for what additional
documentation NCQA may be looking for.
M5F Naming Convention: NCQA HE 6.A and HE 6.B

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6 - Implement a process to place	M6A. Submit documentation that contains the name(s) of the provider(s) within the practice with responsibility for placing dental fluoride varnish at the time of a member's visit. For practices with multiple clinics, provide this information by clinic.
Dental Varnish and educate members	The providers indicated must meet the requirements of AHCCCS AMPM Policy 430 and AMPM Policy 431.
seen about the importance of oral health in the PCP	M6A Naming Convention: Qualified Provider List
office and follow-up with Dental providers.	M6B. Submit documentation, including copies of training certificates, that describes the qualifications of the provider(s) named in milestone 6.A with responsibility for placing the dental fluoride varnish. The qualifications should clearly demonstrate that the individual(s) has completed appropriate training in application of dental fluoride varnish (e.g., provide documentation that the individual has completed Smiles for Life or other similar training program and is up-to-date on their training.)
	M6B Naming Convention: Evidence of Provider Training
	M6C. Upload documentation that describes the practice's workflow, processes, and policies for application of dental fluoride varnish. Documentation must include the following:
	 □ Written materials, scripts, and other documents used to educate and discuss dental fluoride varnish application with members and present guardians, risks and benefits of receiving treatment, risks and benefits of not receiving treatment, and any associated financial information (e.g., no copayment or charge); □ Process for obtaining written consent to place dental fluoride varnish and entering member's decision to receive/not
	receive dental fluoride varnish at the time of the visit into the member's medical record; Process to obtain and record the member's dentist in the EHR;
	Process for discussing with the member and present guardian the last dental visit (as recalled by the member/caregiver/guardian) and entering this information into the member's medical record.
	M6C Naming Convention: Dental Varnish Application Processes

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M6D. Upload documentation that describes the practice's policies and procedures for ensuring that the dental services referred by the practice were scheduled and performed by the member's identified dentist/dentist to whom the practice referred the member. Documentation must describe:
 Process for identifying and referring member to a dentist should the member not already have one, including recommended frequency of dental visits, and transportation assistance, as applicable; Process for confirming with the member and/or dental provider that the follow-up dental service was scheduled; Process for confirming with the member and/or dental provider that the follow-up dental service was performed within 6 months of referral;
Description of the process for following up with member if the individual(s) do not show for appointment, including support to reschedule appointment.
Process for documenting completion of referral and dental services in the member's EMR. M6D Naming Convention: Dental Provider Referral Processes

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7 - Educate and screen caregiver(s) and guardian(s) of a newborn for anxiety and depression and coordinate with appropriate behavioral health	M7A. Upload documentation that describes the policies and processes for educating caregiver(s) and guardian(s) about postpartum depression, screening for postpartum depression, obtaining consent to screen, and discussion of results and steps to support an identified need. The documents must include: The name(s) of the screening tool(s) used; The languages in which the screening tool(s) is/are available; A description of the population from whom data are being collected and how the practice will identify individuals for screening; When the data are collected (e.g., during the visit); Where data are being collected (e.g., visit/exam room); How the data are being collected (electronically, paper survey); The individual(s) in the practice who will collect the data/perform the screening and their qualifications/credentials; Written materials, scripts, and other materials used to educate caregiver(s)/guardian(s) about anxiety and depression after childbirth, including signs and symptoms of depression, availability of treatment and counseling services, and how to receive help; Documentation and process for screening caregiver(s)/guardian(s) for postpartum depression according to the frequency identified in the milestone, including how the practice incorporates this into the workflow, individual(s) responsible for discussing results with caregiver(s)/guardian(s), discussion of screening results with caregiver(s)/guardian(s), discussion of screening results with caregiver(s)/guardian(s), discussion of screening results with caregiver(s)/guardian(s) consent, and explanation of how the information will be used and shared;
	☐ Processes for recording in the member's electronic health record the caregiver(s)/guardian(s) present at the visits, consent for screening, consent for sharing results, information about how screening results will be used/shared, screening tool administered, reason for not administering screening tool, if applicable;

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☐ Process and communication to caregiver(s)/guardian(s) of signs and symptoms of postpartum depression that should result in a call to the primary care or other provider.
M7A Naming Convention: MH Screening of New Caregivers
M7B. Upload documentation that describes the practice's processes for completing the following activities:
☐ Developing, maintaining, and updating a registry of behavioral health providers who can meet a need identified from the screening, including name, credentials, including certifications, address, availability of in-person and/or telehealth services, website (as applicable), languages spoken by the provider, availability of skilled interpreter services;
☐ Providing caregiver(s)/guardian(s) with a copy of the registry of behavioral health providers who can support an identified need;
☐ Obtaining and documenting information regarding status of behavioral health providers Perinatal Mental Health Certification status and communicating status in registry provided to caregiver(s)/guardian(s);
☐ Obtaining and documenting information regarding insurance accepted by behavioral health providers on the registry and communicating that information to caregiver(s)/ guardian(s);
The registry should include behavioral health providers who are 1) accepting new patients, and 2) are able to see a new patient consistent with the standards in ACOM 417.
Submit current copy of registry of behavioral health providers, including name, credentials, address, availability of celehealth services, website (as applicable), languages spoken by the provider, availability of skilled interpreter services.
M7B Naming Convention: MH Registry and Maintenance Process
W7C. Submit written documentation of care coordination and referral protocols for when caregiver(s)/guardian(s) screen positive for anxiety and/or depression. Documentation must include protocols and processes with the following entities/providers:
☐ AHCCCS Health Plans (when the caregiver is an AHCCCS member), including process for identifying whether caregiver(s) is an AHCCCS member and referral to health plan for questions regarding coverage of benefits;

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 Behavioral health providers, including the practice's processes for prioritizing care coordination and referral to behavioral health providers with Perinatal Mental Health Certification and Perinatal Mental Health Certification for Pharmacological interventions. Description should include processes for sending and receiving referrals, timelines for outreach to caregiver(s)/guardian(s), communication regarding status of referral, and documentation in the member's medical record; Care managers and/or case managers to communicate and document screening results and referral.
Submit written materials, scripts, or other educational materials the practice uses with caregiver(s)/guardian(s) to discuss referral process steps, transportation assistance, as available.
Submit written documentation of other practice interventions or follow-up procedures for diagnosing and treating depression for caregiver(s)/guardian(s).
M7C Naming Convention: Care Coordination and Referral for MH services

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