

Core Component	Review Criteria
M1.1 - Participate in	M1A. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in December 2024, that the organization has attended 100%
the Targeted	of the QICs in the program year. AHCCCS will track and review Year 2 QIC group meeting attendance records for demonstration
Investment Program	of 100% attendance. Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to validate QIC attendance unless there
Quality Improvement	is a discrepancy.
Collaborative (QIC)	

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M1.2 - Participate in the Targeted Investment Program Quality Improvement Collaborative (QIC)	M1.2A. Submit name(s), through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in December2024, 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.
	M1.2B. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in December2024, 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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M2 - Plan and implement the <u>National Culturally</u>	M2A. Upload a completed <u>National CLAS Standards implementation checklist</u> , 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:
and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards	 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: M2A CLAS Implementation Checklist and Implementation Plan 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: M2B 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.
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.
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M2D Naming Convention: M2D NCQA- HE1.A and HE1.B

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M3 - 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);
	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



	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.
M3	A Naming Convention: M3A HRSN Screening Tool and Screening Process
	B. Upload documentation on the practice's process to document screening and referral results in the practice EHR. The uments 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).
	☐ The practice's process for documenting the components from 3A in the EHR.
М3	B Naming Convention: M3B Screening and Referral Documentation Process
scre	C. Attest, through the TI 2.0 Application Portal once available in Fall 2024, that G and Z codes are utilized to document eening and referral details through claims by 9/30/2024. Participants do not need to upload or provide documentation to date unless there is a discrepancy.
M3	C Naming Convention: M3C Proof of Claim with G Code
	D. Upload documentation on the practice's process to protect data sharing and confidentiality. The documents must
incl	ude:
	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: M3D Data Sharing and Confidentiality
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
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documentation NCQA may be looking for.
M3E Naming Convention: M3E NCQA- HE2.F and HE2.G
M3F. If the organization is using an externally-managed electronic closed loop referral system (CLRS) to identify resources, upload:
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. Only upload this list if your organization is not using the CommunityCares system for all AHCCCS members.* *Participants that do not utilize the CommunityCares system are expected to have mechanisms to identify community resources for all AHCCCS members. If CommunityCares is not used for all contracted AHCCCS MCOs, participating organizations are required to indicate how resources are identified per MCO.
M3F Naming Convention: M3F Signed CommunityCares Access Agreement 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 M3G if using CommunityCares to identify resources for all AHCCCS members.
M3G Naming Convention: M3G CBO Registry and Maintenance Processes



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M4 - Connect to and demonstrate effective use of the statewide closed loop referral system (CommunityCares), or other closed loop referral system(s)	 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: M4A CommunityCares Access Agreement and Onboarding Plan
that can report referral-level information	 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: M4B 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 practice, either by providers or skilled medical interpreter (indicate if the interpravailability to accept referrals), website URL, and whether the practice location has accommodations for individuals with physical offices, exam room(s), equipment. Generating reports: team member(s) responsible the types of reports that the practice generates (e.g., most common member ne referrals made, individuals who are making referrals, referral status), and 	eter is onsite or offsite), disabilities, including in
the frequency each report is generated.	
M4C Naming Convention: M4C CommunityCares Administrative Processes	
M4D. Upload documentation that describes the practice's policies and procedures for using Com	nmunityCares 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 mus	-
How to request and document consent from patient to share information and refer to CI	
 Description of explanation to member/family/caregiver of steps to expect once a referra 	
Description of practice process for making electronic referrals, including determining the	
screening results, member/family/caregiver consultation and consent, practice team me	mber responsible for making
referral, practice workflows for making and documenting referrals	
Description of process upon notification of fulfillment from CBO, including how the infor	mation 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 reference	-
including: AHCCCS ID, date screened, screening results, referral to (community service pr	rovider), referral date, referral
method (e.g., telephone), and current referral status.	
If leveraging an MCO, ACO, or CIN referral program reports: Documentation of an imple	mented data sharing
agreement and processes for the entity to send screening and referral data, as described monthly basis by 4/30/2025.	above, to AHCCCS on a



M4D Naming Convention: M4D Electronic Referral Processes



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M5 - Identify health inequities prevalent within the population	M5A. Submit a completed AHCCCS Health Equity Collaboration Analysis using the template provided by AHCCCS via <u>Google</u> Form or submitting the <u>completed xls</u> to TargetedInvestments@azahcccs.gov. <u>Due 8/31/2024</u> .
attributed to the practice and implement plans to reduce them	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)), 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
reasonable timeframe to implement these changes.
M5C Naming Convention: M5C Member Demographic Processes
M5D. NCQA 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:
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
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	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
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doc	umentation NCQA may be looking for.
M5I	D Naming Convention: M5D NCQA HE 2.A, HE 2.B-1, HE 2.C-1, HE 2.D, HE 2.E
ince mile	E. Upload documentation that demonstrates the practice's policies and procedures for stratifying performance on quality entive measures using clinical data stratified by (a) member-reported demographic data (i.e., the variables specified in estone 5.C) and/or (b) HRSN data collected in milestone 3 in the practice EHR. Practices should report stratified formance 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:
	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.
M5	E Naming Convention: M5E Measure Stratification Processes
M5	F. 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
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documentation NCQA may be looking for.
M5F Naming Convention: M5F NCQA HE 6.A and HE 6.B



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M6 - Identifying and engaging caregiver(s) and guardian(s) of a newborn to screen for anxiety and depression and coordinate with appropriate behavioral health provider(s) and/or case manager(s) to follow-up.	M6A. Upload documentation describing how the practice identifies members who are pregnant or who are new parents, including identification of the birthing parent. Submit written documentation of processes the practice employs to notify the member's health plan that a member is pregnant or a new parent, including indication of when the member was the birthing parent. M6A Naming Convention: M6A and Delivery Communication Processes M6B. Submit written documentation of policies and procedures that describe the practice's process for ensuring members receive a follow-up PCP (including OB/GYN) appointment within 84 days of childbirth or pregnancy. Documentation must include: Description of how the practice is informed that the member has given birth; Description of member outreach following the birth of a child to schedule a follow-up appointment, including how the practice makes multiple attempts at contacting the member using different outreach methods (e.g., phone call, text, mail), and accommodations for members who need to bring newborn/infant to appointment (e.g., separate waiting room for newborns); Description of the process for reminding member of upcoming appointment; Description of the process for following up with member if the individual(s) do not show for appointment, including rescheduling appointment. M6B Naming Convention: M6B Pregnancy and Delivery Engagement Processes M6C. 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 m



 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 pract 	
A description of the population from whom data are being collected and how the pract	
	ice 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 the	eir qualifications/credentials;
 Written materials, scripts, and other materials used to educate caregiver(s)/guardian(s) after childbirth, including signs and symptoms of depression, availability of treatment a how to receive help; 	
Documentation and process for screening caregiver(s)/guardian(s) for postpartum depr frequency identified in the milestone, including how the practice incorporates this into responsible for discussing results with caregiver(s)/guardian(s), discussion of screening caregiver(s)/guardian(s), including available services for follow-up treatment and care for risks/benefits of screening/not screening, caregiver(s)/guardian(s) consent, and explana will be used and shared;	the workflow, individual(s) results with or identified need,
 Processes for recording in the member's electronic health record the caregiver(s)/guard consent for screening, consent for sharing results, information about how screening results screening tool administered, reason for not administering screening tool, if applicable; Process and communication to caregiver(s)/guardian(s) of signs and symptoms of postpost 	sults will be used/shared,
result in a call to the primary care or other provider.	
M6C Naming Convention: M6C MH Screening of New Caregivers	
M6D. Upload documentation that describes the practice's processes for completing the following	ng activities:
Developing, maintaining, and updating a registry of behavioral health providers who can the screening, including name, credentials, including certifications, address, availability services, website (as applicable), languages spoken by the provider, availability of skilled	of in-person and/or telehealth



	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 telehealth services, website (as applicable), languages spoken by the provider, availability of skilled interpreter services.
M6D Na	aming Convention: M6D BH Registry and Maintenance Process
screens	ubmit written documentation of care coordination and referral protocols for when member(s)/caregiver(s)/guardian(s) positive for anxiety and/or depression. Documentation must include protocols and processes with the following /providers:
	AHCCCS Health Plans;
	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.
Docum	entation must include:
	Description of the referral process to a behavioral health provider upon identification of a need, including the warm handoff process within the practice, as applicable, including individual(s) within the practice who are making referrals;
	Practice's process for handling crises, including individual(s) within practice with qualifications and credentials for identifying, managing, and referring members in crisis;



Processes for sharing information among entities, including communication with the member caregiver(s)/guardian(s) about how information is shared, with whom, and how it is used;
Process for obtaining consent from member's caregiver(s)/guardian(s) to complete screening and refer for additional services for identified needs;
Process for consulting with other providers based on identified need(s) and screening results, including specifically process for consulting with psychiatric providers with expertise in perinatal care, with preference for those certified in PMH;
Description of how the practice will prioritize referrals to practitioner or prescriber certified in PMH and qualified to diagnose and treat anxiety and depression when possible, including how the practice maintains a list of certified practitioners and prescribers, establishes referral processes with those and other providers, and receives notification from those and other providers when a referral is complete;
Process for documenting referral information in member's medical record;
Written materials, scripts, or other educational materials the practice uses with member's caregiver(s)/guardian(s) to discuss referral process steps, transportation assistance, as available.
M6E Naming Convention: M6E MH Referral and Coordination Protocols