

Massachusetts 2027-2028 Aligned Measure Set
Summary of Changes
July 17, 2026

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 14, CHIA, in consultation with the Statewide Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC), is required to establish a Standard Quality Measure Set (SQMS) in each even-numbered year for use in contracts between Payers, including the Commonwealth and Carriers, and health care Providers, Provider Organizations and Accountable Care Organizations, which incorporate quality measures into payment terms, including the designation of a set of Core Measures and a set of Non-Core Measures.

On July 17, 2026, CHIA issued Administrative Bulletin 26-02 establishing the SQMS, also known as the Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set, for calendar years 2027-2028. In developing the measure set, CHIA and the SQAC built upon the work of the Quality Measure Alignment Taskforce (QMAT), using the 2026 Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set as the starting point.

This document lists each measure in the 2027-2028 Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set, organized by Core and Non-Core (also known as Menu) designation, along with the corresponding measure steward in **Appendix A**. In **Appendix B**, this document also summarizes the differences between the 2026 Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set - as established for voluntary adoption by the QMAT - and the 2027-2028 Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set, including the measures added, removed, elevated and modified, along with the rationale for each change as recommended by the SQAC and adopted by CHIA.

Additional details on the measures included in the Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set can be found in a separate “Measure Specifications” document, which is available on CHIA’s SQMS website.

Appendix A:
2027-2028 Massachusetts Aligned Measure Set

Set	Measure Name	Steward
Core	CG-CAHPS ¹ (MHQP ² Version) ³	MHQP
Core	Childhood Immunization Status (Combo 10)	NCQA
Core	Controlling High Blood Pressure	NCQA
Core	Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults	NCQA
Core	Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes: Glycemic Status Poor Control (>9.0%)	NCQA
Menu	Adult Immunization Status ⁴	NCQA
Menu	Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Diabetes	NCQA
Menu	Breast Cancer Screening ⁵	NCQA
Menu	Cervical Cancer Screening	NCQA
Menu	Chlamydia Screening	NCQA
Menu	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits	NCQA
Menu	Colorectal Cancer Screening ⁶	NCQA
Menu	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life	Oregon Health & Science University
Menu	Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes	NCQA
Menu	Follow-Up After Acute and Urgent Care Visits for Asthma	NCQA
Menu	Health-Related Social Needs Screening ⁷	MassHealth
Menu	Immunizations for Adolescents (Combo 2)	NCQA
Menu	Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Treatment ⁸	NCQA
Menu	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes	NCQA
Menu	Lead Screening in Children	NCQA
Menu	Prenatal & Postpartum Care	NCQA

¹ Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems. See www.ahrq.gov/cahps/surveys-guidance/cg/index.html (Accessed May 8, 2026).

² Massachusetts Health Quality Partners. See <http://mhqp.org> (Accessed May 11, 2026).

³ There is no requirement to use all measure domains or to weight domains equally in contracts. CHIA encourages a focus on domains where there is the greatest opportunity for ACO performance improvement.

⁴ Payer and provider dyads may use any of the immunization rates included in the measure.

⁵ Payer and provider dyads may use any of the age stratifications included in the measure.

⁶ Electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reporting only.

⁷ Providers should not be held accountable for the rate at which health-related social needs are identified.

⁸ Payer and provider dyads may use the initiation and/or the engagement phase.

Set	Measure Name	Steward
Menu	Race, Ethnicity, Language and Disability Data Collection ⁹	MassHealth
Menu	Race, Ethnicity, and Language Stratification	Massachusetts QMAT
Menu	Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life	NCQA
Menu (MassHealth specific)	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	NCQA
Menu (MassHealth specific)	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness (7-Day)	NCQA
Menu (MassHealth specific)	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (7-Day)	NCQA
Menu (MassHealth specific)	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use	NCQA
Menu (MassHealth specific)	Topical Fluoride for Children	American Dental Association
Menu (MassHealth specific)	Quality Performance Disparities Reduction	MassHealth

⁹ Payer and provider dyads may optionally also include collection of sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or sex data.

Appendix B:
Summary of Changes to the Aligned Measure Set for 2027-2028

Recommended Change (s)	Rationale
1. Elevate <i>Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults</i> from the Menu Set to the Core Set.	Elevation of one measure into the Core Set and removal of the other from the Menu Set represents the culmination of a two-year transition plan initially recommended by the QMAT in 2025 to move from <i>Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan</i> in the Core Set to <i>Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults</i> in the Core Set given that the latter measure focuses on follow-up care rather than a follow-up plan.
2. Remove <i>Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan</i> from the Menu Set.	
3. Remove <i>Behavioral Health Risk Assessment (for Pregnant Women)</i> from the Menu Set.	The measure had not been used in a single contract in any of the four years that it has been in the Aligned Measure Set, in part because it is burdensome to operationalize.
4. Remove <i>Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder</i> from the Menu Set.	The measure had only been used in one contract in the four years it had been in the Aligned Measure Set (in 2024). Reasons for this include challenges in obtaining the necessary data, small denominators for the commercial population, and perceptions that the measure is flawed and subject to various factors outside of provider control.
5. Add <i>Follow-Up After Acute and Urgent Care Visits for Asthma</i> to the Menu Set.	NCQA's retirement of <i>Asthma Medication Ratio</i> for measurement year 2026 left the Aligned Measure Set without an asthma measure. NCQA developed <i>Follow-Up After Acute and Urgent Care Visits for Asthma</i> as the replacement measure for <i>Asthma Medication Ratio</i> . The SQAC recommended adding the measure to the Menu Set given the prevalence and importance of asthma.
6. Allow the use of any rates for <i>Adult Immunization Status</i> .	When first adding this measure to the Aligned Measure Set for 2026, the QMAT recommended focusing only on the influenza rate. However, this year the QMAT recommended permitting payer and provider dyads to use any of the measure's immunization rates (influenza, Td or Tdap, zoster, pneumococcal, HepB, and COVID-19) if they so choose. The SQAC agreed.
7. Allow the use of any age stratifications for <i>Breast Cancer Screening</i> .	NCQA expanded the measure age range from 50-74 years of age to 40-74 years of age beginning in measurement year 2026 following new guidelines recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. The SQAC recommended permitting the use of any age stratification so that payer and provider dyads may elect to only use the originally specified age range, which has a stronger evidence base for screening.