

**February 11, 2026**

## **Updated Primary Care Incentive Guidelines Now Available**

Dear provider,

This notice is to inform you that guidelines for incentives offered to primary care providers have been updated and are available at: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/incentive-payments/incentive-payments-for-primary-care-providers>

A summary of key changes:

- Requirement for annual completion of *HPSM Primary Care Incentive Enrollment Form* added for all programs.
- Benchmark Pay-for-Performance updates:
  - Medi-Cal
    - Family Practice Track (assigned member ages 000-999)
      - Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) added as an incentive-eligible measure.
      - Depression Screening and Follow-up (12 years and older) (DSF-E) has been separated to reflect the two associated actions of screening and follow-up for a positive screen. Depression Screening (DSF-E Rate 1) is the incentive-eligible portion.\*
      - Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED) changed to a reporting-only measure.
    - Adult Track (assigned member ages 018 – 999, or similar)
      - Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) added as an incentive-eligible measure.
      - *\*The same DSF-E measure change described in the Family Practice Track.*
      - Substance Misuse Screening (SBIRT) changed to a reporting-only measure.
    - Pediatric Track (assigned member ages 000-017, or similar)
      - Lead Screening in Children (LSC) added as an incentive-eligible measure.
      - Well Child Visit (15-30 months old) (W30 Rate 2) as an incentive-eligible measure
      - *\*The same DSF-E measure change described in the Family Practice Track.*
      - Weight Assessment & Nutrition Counseling for Children (WCC Rate 2) changed to a reporting-only measure.
      - Physical Activity Counseling for Children (WCC Rate 3) changed to a reporting-only measure.
  - CareAdvantage
    - Minimum number of patients in the denominator changed from one (1) to ten (10) for the metric to be included in the composite quality score.

- *\*The same DSF-E measure change described in the Family Practice Track.*
- Care Gap Pay-for-Performance
  - 'Program Year' (e.g., PY2025) specifications were removed.
  - Timeline added including deadlines for claims and supplemental data submission.

Please email [PSInquiries@hpsm.org](mailto:PSInquiries@hpsm.org) if you have questions or requests for support.

Thank you,  
The Health Plan of San Mateo