

QUARTER 1 STQN NEWSLETTER Benefits of Collecting SDOH Data



CMS is focused on increased reporting of social determinants of health (SDOH) diagnosis codes citing this may improve the ability to capture severity of illness, complexity of service, and/or utilization of hospital resources.

These codes are being added to risk methodology and will eventually impact reimbursement. CMS has stated this process will be critical in identifying and addressing health disparities.

Coders look not only to physician documentation, but also to the SDOH “wheel” in Epic documented by other healthcare providers and guidelines allow them to code from here as well.

ICD-10 Z code updates for 2023 (Replacing existing non-specific codes)

Three new codes depict scenarios that may limit a patient’s ability to schedule, attend and/or pay for their medical needs:

- Transportation insecurity (Z59.82) describes issues of inaccessible, inadequate, unaffordable, unsafe, and unreliable transportation.
- Financial insecurity (Z59.86) includes bankruptcy, burdensome debt, and economic strain.
- The inability to obtain adequate childcare, clothing, utilities, and basic needs is covered in material hardship (Z59.87).

Current ICD-10 Z codes already being obtained from this documentation at our hospital

- Z55.5 – Less than a high school diploma
- Z59.00 - Homelessness unspecified
- Z59.01 – Sheltered homelessness
- Z59.02 – Unsheltered homelessness
- Z59.41 – Food insecurity
- Z59.811 – Housing instability, housed with risk of homelessness
- Z59.812 – Housing instability, housed, homelessness in past 12 months
- Z59.819 – Housing instability, unspecified



InterQual Guidelines for Admission

InterQual® criteria are a first-level screening tool to assist in determining if the proposed services are clinically indicated and provided in the appropriate level or whether further evaluation is required. Below is a summary of changes:

[InterQual 2022 Physician Admission Guide for Adults](#)

[InterQual 2022 Physician Admission Guide for Pediatrics](#)

2023 EPO Shared Savings Contract

STQN continues to strive to improve quality outcomes, health, and wellness of the St. Tammany Health System (STHS) employees and their dependents that are covered under the STHS health plan. The EPO network and shared savings agreement are exclusive to those physicians who are members of STQN. The below EPO shared savings agreement has been approved for 2023.

2023 1st Quarter Medical Director's Award

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S QUALITY AWARD

IS AWARDED TO

Victoria Blossman, DO

“outstanding population health outcomes
and patient satisfaction.”



	Metric	Weighted Benchmark	Shared Savings Split		Notes
			STQN	STPH	
Non-Assessed Claims	Medical Claims PMPM	\$124.47	50%	50%	15% on savings
STHS Assessed Outpatient Claims	Outpatient Claims PMPM	\$109.78	50%	50%	15% on savings
		2023 Target	2022 Performance		
Annual Wellness Visits %	Adults 18 and above with an Annual Wellness Visit based on 3-year weighted average	65%	63%		Network must meet measure to avoid 5% penalty
		HEDIS PPO Commercial Goal*	2022 Actual		
Quality Metrics	Retinal Eye Exams	46.9%	100%		STQN forgoes 5% of realized shared savings if at least 7 of the 9-quality metrics do not meet or exceed the HEDIS PPO Commercial Goal (* Based on published HEDIS goals as of December 31 of previous calendar year)
	Appropriate use of Imaging	76.6%	74%		
	Breast Cancer Screening	69.8%	83.9%		
	Colorectal Cancer Screening	61.3%	62.8%		
	Cervical Cancer Screening	72.8%	59.1%		
	Nephropathy	88.7%	96.1%		
	6 or more Well-child visits within first 15 months of life (age 15 months)	79.8%	36%		
	1 well-child visit in the 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , and 6 th years of life (ages 3-6)	77.7%	63.3%		
1 adolescent well care visit with the previous we months (ages 12-21)	53.1%	49.7%			

Dates to remember

- **CME- Multidisciplinary Care of the Breast Cancer Patient**
March 29 | 5:30 p.m. | Southern Hotel
- **2Q STQN Performance Management Committee**
April 11 | 7 a.m.
- **CME - Hypertension in Pregnancy**
April 11 | 5:30 p.m. | Southern Hotel
- **STQN Annual Meeting**
April 27 | 6 p.m. | Southern Hotel
- **CME - Colon Cancer Screening**
May 11 | 5:30 p.m.
- **2Q STQN Board Meeting**
May 16 | 5:30 p.m.
- **2Q STQN Finance and Operations Meeting**
June 13 | 5:30 p.m.
- **4th Annual Northshore Healthcare Summit**
July 13 | 11:30 a.m. | Southern Hotel