



To: Hanna Nagy, Office of Health Strategy

From: Susan J. Guerette, Aetna Insurance

Date: December 20, 2023

Re: Quality Benchmark Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Nagy,

In review of the Office of Health Strategy State Obesity Equity Benchmark, proposed Quality Benchmark Values for Phase 2 Measures, Aetna agrees with the intent of the proposed use of the data but respectfully disagrees with the way in which OHS is obtaining the data.

HEDIS sunset the BMI measure over a year ago and as a result very few providers are using CPT ii to enable Aetna to report on this measure. Since this information is no longer routinely captured and reported by providers, the measure using this information will not be statistically valid and actionable and would limit any meaningful use to improve healthcare outcomes.

We understand that this information may already be readily available on a much broader population through the State of Connecticut's HIE platform, CONNIE. Retrieval of that data from CONNIE, rather than from the carriers, would more robust and useful to OHS.

Building a process to report statistically actionable data requires compliance by providers to report the information. Additionally, infrastructure to operationalize these non-standard performance measurement reporting requests presents concerns that the data is not comprehensively collected, skewing any findings.

Aetna looks forward to our ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Guerette