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Attn: OHT cQIP leads and OHT key points of contact

RE: 2025/26 Ontario Health Team Collaborative Quality Improvement Plan Program

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to share with you details about the 2025/26 Collaborative Quality Improvement Plan (cQIP) program. As you know, the cQIP program is designed to support population health outcomes by coordinating quality improvement efforts among your partners in improving care in your communities, with an emphasis on improving care for those most affected by the social determinants of health to reduce health disparities. The cQIPs submitted for 2024/25 demonstrated your dedication to quality and ability to collaborate with your partners to improve outcomes. Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health thank you for your efforts, innovation, and commitment to improving care in your communities.

For 2025/26, the cQIP areas of focus will shift to the Ontario Health Team (OHT) clinical priorities and validated measures from the OHT Performance Framework. These clinical priorities were identified by the Ministry of Health as areas in which OHTs, in collaboration with partners, are well positioned to improve care. While the clinical priorities and some of the priority indicators are new, measures from last year's cQIP will continue to be included as optional indicators. As in past years, there will be flexibility to reflect specific or local initiatives in cQIPs, using custom indicators as appropriate.

- Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
 - Priority indicator: Admissions per 100 patients with heart failure
 - Priority indicator: Admissions per 100 patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - Priority indicator: Number of hospitalizations for ambulatory care sensitive conditions
 - Optional indicator: Emergency department visit as the first point of contact for mental health and addictions–related care
 - Optional indicator: Percentage of screen-eligible people who are up to date with cervical screening
 - Optional indicator: Percentage of screen-eligible people who are up to date with breast cancer screening
 - Optional indicator: Percentage of screen-eligible people who are up to date with colorectal cancer screening

- Integrated Care – Transitions in Care
 - Priority indicator: Alternate level of care (% ALC days)

While improvement remains an ongoing expectation for all OHTs, to support the participation of the initial 12 OHTs identified for acceleration (I12) in a new Quality Performance Review (QPR) process, participation in the 2025/26 cQIP will be optional for I12 OHTs and will no longer be a mandatory Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) requirement for these teams. We encourage I12 OHTs to connect with the cQIP team at Ontario Health and/or their Regional System Strategy Planning Design and Implementation (SSPDI) Directors to discuss potential impacts related to this option.

Teams beyond the I12 OHTs will not be participating in the new QPR process initially and, to support ongoing improvement and learning, will be required to submit a cQIP through [QIP Navigator](#) by April 1, 2025.

Organization-level QIPs and cQIPs share a common aim to systematically identify and bridge gaps to improve quality of care. Organizations that submit a QIP may also consider highlighting collaborative work, with other health service organizations or within their OHT, by including custom indicators in their QIP Workplan.

Resources for Ongoing cQIP Program Support

OHT Data Dashboard

OHT Data Dashboard reports provide:

- Improved insights about each OHT’s patient population, with the ability to stratify population data in multiple ways
- Timely data that are updated regularly
- Transparency and the ability to access and learn from data from other OHTs

QIP Navigator

[QIP Navigator](#) is a convenient online tool that helps you structure your quality improvement work and submit your annual cQIP. QIP Navigator is also a source for tools and resources that can be used in developing annual cQIPs and includes a searchable database of all previously submitted cQIPs (Query QIPs).

QIP Navigator is expected to open in **January 2025** for 2025/26 cQIP submissions and progress reports.

cQIP Community of Practice

The [cQIP Community of Practice](#) is for OHT points of contact and other team members working on the development and implementation of their team’s cQIP. By participating in this group, members will be able to:

- Access specific resources and supports to assist in cQIP submission (e.g., guidance documents, technical specifications, change packages, data supports document)
- Share local best or leading practices, locally developed tools, or resources (e.g., peer learning templates, Community of Practice meeting slide decks)
- Post questions or comments on emerging opportunities or barriers experienced in working on the cQIP

To join this group, please sign up for the [OHT Shared Space](#), then visit the [cQIP Community of Practice](#). Don't forget to subscribe to receive updates.

Next Steps

We are dedicated to supporting you with your cQIP submission and the broader work to support patients and provide the best care possible.

For a review of the 2025/26 cQIP program and to find out more about the excellent work submitted in 2024/25, join us for the **cQIP Launch Information Session** on **January 15, 2025**, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET. [Registration](#) is open now.

In the meantime, should you have any other questions, please connect with Ontario Health on the [cQIP Community of Practice](#), by email to QIP@OntarioHealth.ca, or through your regional Ontario Health point of contact. As always, the team is here to support you.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to OHTs and improving integrated care. We look forward to continuing our work together to improve care for the people of Ontario.

Regards,



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