

**PCPCH 2020 Recognition Criteria Technical Specifications and Reporting Guide
Version 5 Summary of Changes
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Introduction

Version 5 of the [2020 PCPCH Recognition Criteria Technical Specifications and Reporting Guide](#) (TA Guide) was published in May of 2023. This document provides a summary of the notable updates and changes from the previous version.

General Updates

- Changed “preferred language” to “primary language” throughout the guide.
- Updated PCPCH email address.
- For documentation required at a site visit, practices may provide evidence of a workflow instead of a written policy or procedure when applicable.
- Clarified what types of practices are eligible for PCPCH recognition (see section of Technical Assistance Guide called “PCPCH Eligibility”).
- The COVID-related alternative data reporting timeframes have been removed from Standards 2.A, 2.E, 4.B, 6.B, and 6.C meaning that practices must provide data from the timeframes detailed in the original specifications.

Updates to Documentation Required at a Site Visit

Below are the measures for which the documentation required at a site visit was either reduced (*) or updated/clarified (**). Please refer to the appropriate sections within the [PCPCH Technical Assistance Guide: Version 5](#) for details on which types of documentation are still required. Please note that during a site visit, practices may still be expected to provide information on certain processes verbally even if no longer required to provide supplemental written documentation.

Measure 1.C.0 *	Measure 2.F.1 *	Measure 3.C.3 **	Measure 4.E.0 **	Measure 5.F.0 *
Measure 1.B.1 **	Measure 2.F.2 *	Measure 3.D.1 *	Measure 4.G.2 *	Measure 5.F.1 *
Measure 1.D.1 *	Measure 3.A.1 *	Measure 3.D.2 **	Measure 5.A.1 *	Measure 6.B.1 **
Measure 1.E.1 *	Measure 3.A.2 *	Measure 3.D.3 *	Measure 5.C.1 *	Measure 6.D.1 *
Measure 1.G.1 *	Measure 3.A.3 *	Measure 3.F.1 *	Measure 5.C.2 **	
Measure 1.G.2 **	Measure 3.B.0 *	Measure 3.F.2 *	Measure 5.C.3 *	
Measure 2.C.3 **	Measure 3.C.0 *	Measure 3.F.3 *	Measure 5.D.1 **	
Measure 2.E.2 *	Measure 3.C.1 **	Measure 4.C.0 *	Measure 5.E.3 *	

Updates to Standard Specifications

Below are some additional updates to PCPCH standard specifications. Please note that these are high-level summaries. Details on these updates can be found in the [PCPCH Technical Assistance Guide: Version 5](#).

- **Standard 2.A:** Clarified that practices using the OHA CCO Incentive Measure specifications may use the CCO benchmarks. Also updated select PCPCH Quality Measure specifications and broadened the types of quality measures that qualify for 2.A.1.
- **Standard 2.E:** Clarified that practices using the OHA CCO Incentive Measure specifications may use the CCO benchmarks and broadened the types of utilization measures that qualify for 2.E.1.
- **Measure 3.C1:** Removed mention of the practitioner waiver (“X-waiver”) from pharmacotherapy expectations.
- **Standard 3.E:** This standard no longer expects practices to track the number of unique patients that are sent preventive services reminders.
- **Standards 4.A & 4.B:** Clarified that practices only need to include primary care clinicians in the calculations for these standards.
- **Standard 4.D:** Updated specifications in this standard to reflect changes to available electronic information exchange methods.
- **Measure 4.G.2:** Broadened specifications so that practices can meet this measure if providing medication reconciliation to entire patient population, so long as certain requirements are met.
- **Standard 6.C.2 & 6.C.3:** Clarified that practices may use Version 3.1 of the CAHPS survey to meet these measures.