

Part 1: High-Level Description of Possible Significant Change

The table below provides high-level information about the possible significant change, as submitted.

Tracking #	2027-914-3
Q3. Provide a short name for possible change	[NCQA] Reverse some of the one-time changes made in CY2026 for CY2027
Responsible OHA unit/s & SME/s	E&I: Maria Castro & Dr. Nakana. OAFA: Chelsea Guest.
From 1/27/2026 OHA memo to CCOs	Possibly addressable OHA has not yet determined whether requiring NCQA HE Accreditation will be proposed as a possible significant change prior to the next CCO procurement. OHA will advise CCOs of its determination in the near future and, as applicable, the opportunity for engagement.
Q6. Which CCO Contract(s) will be impacted?	(a) All 3 contracts
Q4. High-level description of possible change	1. Changes to continue into CY2027 and beyond These were originally framed as temporary but merit extension: <i>[deliverables & VBP items from this submission are listed separately]</i> commit to a longer-term delay of NCQA accreditation (a single-year delay still requires significant CCO planning and budgeting).
Q2. Which prioritized restatement category applies?	(a) CCO Deliverables and Performance & Quality Incentive Measures (b) CCO Table Considerations
Explain how change fits into "CCO Deliverables and Performance & Quality Measures" category	All of these relate to CCO deliverables.
Explain how change fits into "CCO Table Considerations" category	These items were discussed in the CCO Table process and all of them were adopted in the CY2026 contract.
Q7. Could entire change be deferred to later contract year?	Yes
Consequence(s) if not included in 2027 contract	
Q8. Could change be reduced to smaller components so it's phased in over multiple contract years?	Yes
Which component(s) could be in later contract year(s)?	There are several components to this, and they could be taken up in later years. With that said, we would not be bringing this forward if we didn't believe it to be sound policy for CY2027.
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Part 2: Information for Engagement

This should be completed by the responsible OHA unit. **Be specific yet clear and concise in your responses; use bullet points.**

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1. What knowledge and/or skills should CCOs consider when deciding which staff to work with OHA on this issue?

CCO CEOs, Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement staff, CCO staff designated as Health Equity Administrators.

2. Is there an existing meeting where OHA and CCOs can work – or are already working – on this issue? If so, identify the meeting and its schedule.

This work may require regular OHA-CCO engagement over a few weeks, possibly up to a couple months. If there is not a suitable existing forum, then OHA will hold a dedicated work session/s specifically for this purpose.

OHA has not yet determined whether requiring NCQA accreditation will be proposed as a possible significant change for 2027. OHA expects to make that determination soon and once that determination is made, OHA will advise CCOs on next steps, including outlining engagement opportunities as applicable.