

2025 Quality Pool Distribution Plan Template

Due: August 29, 2025

Purpose

Exh. B, Pt. 10, Sec. 4, Para. e in the 2025 Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) contract describes the requirement for each CCO to create a written distribution plan for its Quality Pool and Challenge Pool earnings. The CCO must also make its plan publicly available. The purpose of the plan is to inform the CCO's Participating Providers, including Social Determinants of Health and Equity (SDOH-E) and public health partners, about CCO strategies and processes for distribution of Quality Pool funds.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has developed this reporting template to ensure CCOs meet the contract requirements and to give Participating Providers and other interested parties clear and consistent information about CCO strategies for Quality Pool distribution.

Instructions

The CCO must answer all questions in this template to satisfy the contract requirements. Supporting materials and links may be provided, but they must only supplement the answers provided in the template document. A person reading the CCO's responses provided in this template should have a clear and complete picture of the CCO's Quality Pool distribution, without reliance on any other sources.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific question, this template pertains only to Quality Pool funds received in 2025 (Distribution Year 2025) for achievement of 2024 incentive metrics (Measurement Year 2024).

All references to "Quality Pool" within this template include both Quality Pool and Challenge Pool earnings.

Process

The completed Quality Pool Distribution Plan template is due to OHA via the CCO Contract Deliverables [Portal](#) by August 29, 2025. (The submitter must have an OHA account to access the portal). The CCO must also make the completed template publicly available on its website.

OHA will review the submitted template for completeness. If any response is found to be incomplete, OHA will notify the CCO via the portal. The CCO will then have 30 days to provide the requested additional information. The CCO should not publicly post its completed template until it receives confirmation from OHA that no additional information is needed.

Questions?

Any questions about the template should be directed to metrics.questions@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

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Contract Number: 161757-6

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1. Provide an overview of the methodology and/or strategy your CCO uses to distribute Quality Pool and Challenge Pool earnings to Participating Providers, including SDOH-E and public health partners.

The annual distribution of quality pool (including challenge pool) funds is an important source of financial support for the healthcare delivery network's efforts to improve quality, ensure access, and eliminate health disparities. For measurement year 2024, Columbia Pacific CCO's Board of Directors approved allocating all quality pool and challenge pool earnings to fund value-based payment programs that reward quality and value through payments to eligible primary care, behavioral health, dental, delegated, and community-based partners throughout the year.

Historically, Columbia Pacific CCO has allocated 25% of quality pool earnings to be paid directly to delivery network partners proportional to their relative contribution to the CCO Incentive metrics, and 75% reserved by the CCO to fund value-based payment programs and other strategic investments in network quality improvement. The decision to fully allocate quality pool and challenge pool dollars to support value-based payment programs was made considering the continued financial challenges facing the healthcare delivery network. Rather than making a once-per-year payment based on metric contribution, the CCO's ability to support the network through consistent, contractually guaranteed funding throughout the year increases network stability while incentivizing continued quality improvement through set performance improvement targets in each value-based payment agreement.

Examples of value-based payment programs currently funding through quality pool and challenge pool earnings include (not an exhaustive list):

- Primary Care Payment Model (PCPM) for eligible primary care providers
- Quality Improvement Incentive Program (QIIP) for eligible behavioral health providers
- Alternative Payment Programs with delegated dental care organizations
- Pay-for-Performance agreements with local public health departments and fire districts to fund community-based mobile health programs

2. Describe your CCO's process for evaluating the contributions of Participating Providers and how they may qualify for CCO distribution of Quality Pool earnings.

All pay-for performance contracts include quality metrics with improvement targets that tie the partner's potential earnings to performance. Columbia Pacific utilizes standardized quality metrics, such as CCO Incentive Metrics, CMS Core Measures, HEDIS measures, etc. as often as appropriate to ensure alignment with quality, equity, and transformation goals set by OHA. Improvement targets are set using the Minnesota Method (in alignment with OHA's Quality Pool program) and standard benchmarks such those available from NCQA, CMS, or OHA and the network partner's previous year performance.

3. Does your CCO's distribution strategy consider payments made previously to Participating

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Providers (such as up-front funding to a clinic or non-clinical partner that is intended to help the CCO achieve metrics related to the Quality Pool)? If yes, please describe.

No. Quality Pool funding is in addition to and not dependent upon other payments. Performance assessment and corresponding payouts for all value-based payment contracts are also not dependent upon previous payments to participating providers.

- 4. Describe any changes your CCO plans to make to its process for distributing Quality Pool funds in future years (beyond MY2024).**

There are no current plans to revise the process for distributing Quality Pool funds in future years.

- 5. Please provide a link to where the 2025 Quality Pool Distribution Plan (this document) will be publicly available on your CCO's website.**

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