



Memorandum

TO: Principal investigators, patient navigators, and data entry staff

CC: Administrators (CEO, additional staff on contract oversight)

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SUBJECT: **Updates to MDE Core Indicators**

The NBCCEDP communicated several updates to the Minimum Data Element (MDE) Core Indicators in early 2022. The NBCCEDP uses the Core Indicators to relay important performance priorities and to monitor state performance to identify areas for improvement. These updates are meant to foster growth and improvement and are not intended to be used in a punitive fashion, but rather to quickly identify issues needing attention so that states can intervene. The following outlines the updates, which are reflected in Catalyst120 effective April 1, 2022.

Updates/Modifications

- **Percentage of women aged 30 and over receiving their first cervical cancer screening through the program who have never been screened or not screened within the last 10 years.**
 - Benchmark is $\geq 35\%$
 - Most recently, NBCCEDP focused on never screened women but now prioritizes rarely screened women also.
 - An updated study published in 2021 found that about 60% of cervical cancer survivors in the study were never screened. This highlights the importance of reaching never and rarely screened women through the NBCCEDP in order to reduce cervical cancer burden and improve health equity.
 - CDC is confident that through increased outreach and other program activities aimed at reaching these women, the NBCCEDP will meet this goal.

- **Percentage of cervical cancer screening records with planned and completed diagnostic follow-up and time between screening and final diagnosis ≤ 60 days.**
 - Previously, states had ≤ 90 days between screening and final diagnosis.
 - This change underscores the importance of timely follow-up and care coordination.
- **Percentage of PN-Only breast cancer screening records with abnormal results and completed diagnostic follow-up.**
 - While the NBCCEDP has previously evaluated states on this Core Indicator, LBCHP providers had not been able to monitor their performance through Catalyst120. With the most recent updates to Catalyst120, LBCHP providers can now view their performance.

Discontinued

- **Screening mammograms for women age 50-64 discontinued as a core indicator:**
 - While CDC will continue to monitor the percentages of women aged 50 and older receiving screening mammograms funded through the NBCCEDP, this measure will no longer be included in the smaller set of Core Indicators. This change is in line with CDC's emphasis on health equity.