

2025 Quality Pool Distribution Plan

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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.

Advanced Health distributes Quality Pool and Challenge Pool earnings using a methodology clearly defined in provider contracts, including those for Social Determinants of Health and Equity (SDOH-E) and public health partners, and aligned with CMS and OHA guidance for MLR reporting. The process begins with the Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP), which reviews annual quality measures and the CCO's performance to recommend measure values and distributions. These recommendations are then presented to the Advanced Health Board of Directors and the Advanced Health Equity members, who make the final decision on payment allocations.

Funds are allocated as follows:

- A defined portion of the Quality Pool may be withheld for specific projects or purposes, as determined annually by the Advanced Health Board.
- Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP) reviews the quality measures to determine which quality measures can be attributed to which contractor (e.g. preventive dental measure attributed to dental services contractor, child well visits attributed to physical health services contractor, etc...)
- Measure value is determined through a weighing methodology that considers the following:
 - Measure performance – whether the performance target was met.
 - Population size – the size of the member population associated with the measure.
 - Measure complexity – the number of services required to meet full numerator compliance.

This methodology ensures that payments are linked to clearly defined, objectively measurable, and documented quality or clinical standards, compliant with CMS MLR rules.

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.

Advanced Health's contractors evaluate contributions of participating providers on a measure-by-measure basis, focusing on whether providers meet numerator compliance for the applicable quality metrics. Participating providers generally qualify for distribution if they:

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- Are responsible for delivering the services required to meet the measure's numerator.
- Achieve the performance targets defined in their contract and the Quality Pool methodology.

The CAP recommends measure values and distribution amounts to contractors each year, which the Board then approves. Payments are calculated using the weighting methodology for measure performance, population size, and measure complexity. For measures without a defined numerator population or where paying for numerator services could create unintended incentives (e.g., the Cigarette Smoking Prevalence measure) the funds may be allocated to organizations responsible for collecting or monitoring data, or engaged in broader quality improvement initiatives. Additionally, funds may be allocated to organizations engaged in quality improvement efforts across the healthcare ecosystem.

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

Advanced Health's distribution methodology does not adjust Quality Pool payments based on prior payments to Participating Providers. The allocation for each measure is determined independently based on measure performance, population size, and measure complexity, as described in provider contracts. This ensures that all payments are linked to objective, documented performance measures and are compliant with CMS MLR rules. Prior-year attribution methodology may inform discussions, but it does not directly influence payment amounts.

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

Advanced Health has updated its distribution methodology to align with CMS and OHA MLR guidance, and this methodology will continue in future years. The Quality Pool distribution methodology described in the answer to question 1 above is incorporated into contracts between the CCO and contractors. These updates ensure transparency, compliance with CMS MLR rules, and alignment of financial incentives with quality care and improvement efforts.

- 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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