

Specialist VBR Opportunities
Effective for Payment Cycle March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2027

VBR Category	VBR Program	Specialties Involved	Overview and Purpose	Snapshot	Measurement Period	Eligibility Requirements	Criteria to achieve VBR	Page/document with detailed info	2026 Cycle VBR Amount	Change from 2025
Population-based (based on PGIP claims)	Population-Health VBR	All Specialties	Promotes population health through population-based metrics. Encourages relationships between specialists and PCPs through improved communication, care coordination, and efficiency in the delivery of care.	Summer 2025	July 2024 - June 2025	Nominated. One year rule applies (except chiro and psych).	<p>All specialties are evaluated on 4 core metrics: 2 cost, 1 comprehensive quality metric (global quality index) and 1 comprehensive utilization metric (global utilization index). 13 specialties have specialty-specific metrics as part of the overall composite scores.</p> <p>Specialists are evaluated against peers within their specialty type. Most metrics are evaluated at the PO level (except for ED and Allergy practice level measures). VBR is awarded to the PU by specialty type. Minimum threshold of PGIP attributed members applies.</p> <p>The top 1/3 tier receives 12%, middle tier receives 6%, bottom tier 0% (note: tiers differ for chiro, psych and pediatrics, see detailed documents).</p>	<p><i>Specialist Value-Based Reimbursement Objectives and Selection and Fact Sheets</i>, found on the Collaboration Site, under:</p> <p>Analytics > Value-Based Reimbursement</p>	6-12%	N/A
	Postpartum Depression Screening (PPD) VBR	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Promotes and tracks depression screenings performed after delivery. Identification of PPD symptoms through screening can be used to provide timely care and improve the well-being of the mother and their family.	Summer 2025	<p>Deliveries: April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025</p> <p>Screenings: within 90 days post IP admit date of delivery.</p>	<p>Nominated. One year rule applies.</p> <p>At least 30 eligible deliveries (PO level).</p>	<p>Based on Ob/Gyns aligned to a PO that meets or exceeds a 90-day post-delivery PPD screening rate of 50% for attributed deliveries.</p> <p>Screenings are identified by the professional and facility claims with an ICD-10 diagnosis code (Z1330, Z1331, Z1332) or a CPT/HCPCS code (96127, 96160, 96161).</p>	<p><i>ObGYN PPD VBR Methods and PPD VBR Metric Code List</i>, found on the Collaboration Site, under:</p> <p>Analytics > Value-Based Reimbursement</p> <p>(note, details also included in the PPD results file received by POs)</p>	3%	N/A
Practice Level (based on enrollment and provision of services or threshold requirements met)	Specialist Team-Based Care (STBC) VBR	Oncology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Nephrology, Endocrinology	Encourages specialists to adopt a team-based care approach focused on care management. Promotes a reduction in unnecessary ED visits, hospital admissions and readmissions	N/A - see detailed documents for cohort information	July 2024 - June 2025	ACRS, capabilities, care manager	Bill at least 2 PDCM codes for 2% of their eligible BCBSM population. The eligible population is determined by the number of BCBSM patients who had at least two or more E&M visits with the specialist within the practice unit. The population includes all BCBSM PGIP Attributed Commercial and MA members. In the first year of the measurement period, only 1% of two PDCM visits is required.	<p>Program information and cohort enrollment requirements and applications found on the Collaboration Site, under:</p> <p>Initiatives/Projects/Workgroups > Specialist Team-Based Care</p>	7%	N/A
	Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) VBR	Not restricted by specialty, but by the nature of the work, primarily: Psychiatry, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Emergency Medicine, Pain Management, Hospitalist, Other (addiction medicine)	Expands access to medication assisted treatment for patients with opioid use disorder.	Fall 2025	Based on February 2025 data collection	Nomination	<p>POs must submit MAT trackers including all PCPs and SCPs who provided MAT by February 28th.</p> <p>Please see the MAT initiative plan on the PGIP collaboration site for more details</p>	<p>Program information and requirements (<i>Initiative Plan, Executive Summary</i>, etc.) may be found on the Collaboration Site, under:</p> <p>Initiatives/Projects/Workgroups > Medication Assisted Treatment</p>	10%	N/A
	Collaborative Care Management (CoCM) VBR	Obstetrics/Gynecology	Leverages existing CoCM model for ob/gyn specialists, integrating medical and behavioral health to provide holistic, person-centered care management, while also achieving better outcomes, high patient and provider satisfaction.	Summer 2025	N/A - based on training and capabilities achievements, with specialist designation cycle	Nomination	<p>Complete base training and meet required design capabilities.</p> <p>PO expectations: Guide practices in meeting designation capabilities. Make nominations for designation on time. Complete Outcomes Data reporting twice a year.</p>	<p>Program details (<i>CoCM Designation, CoCM Requirements, FAQ</i>, etc. may be found on the Collaboration Site, under:</p> <p>Initiatives/Projects/Workgroups > Behavioral Health</p>	10%	N/A

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Collaborative Quality Initiatives (based on clinical registries)	CQI VBR	Including but not limited to: Cardiology (medical and interventional), Colorectal Surgery, General Surgery, Bariatric Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Anesthesiology, Radiation Oncology, Oncology, Urology, Emergency Medicine, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Trauma Surgery, Obstetrics, etc.	15 individual CQIs focus on best practices within specific specialties, setting targets and measures required to earn the VBR.	One year rule applies	CQI specific	CQI specific. One year rule applies (except chiro and psych).	CQI specific	CQI Factsheets are produced for each year, and found on the Collaboration Site, under: Initiatives/Projects/Workgroups > CQIs Program	2-5%	One year rule applies				
	MOQC Certification in Excellence VBR	Oncology (within MOQC CQI)	Opportunity to MOQC participating oncologist that choose to apply and earn MOQC certification in excellence. (note: if a practitioner earns this 12% VBR, they are ineligible to earn the separate 2-7% MOQC CQI/Tobacco Cessation VBR)	One year rule applies					12%	One year rule applies				
	Oncology Pharmacy (POEM) VBR	Oncology (within MOQC CQI)	Practices must collaborate with an embedded oncology pharmacist to promote compliance with oncology pharmacy guidelines.	One year rule applies					15%	One year rule applies				
Population-Health CQIs (also available to primary care physicians; move from participation to measure-based in process)	Michigan Collaborative for Type 2 Diabetes (MCT2D) VBR	Endocrinology, Nephrology	Prevent, slow and reverse the progression of type 2 diabetes	One year rule applies					CQI specific	CQI specific. One year rule applies (except chiro and psych).	CQI specific	CQI Factsheets are produced for each year, and found on the Collaboration Site, under: Initiatives/Projects/Workgroups > CQIs Program	5%	One year rule applies
	Michigan Back Collaborative (MIBAC) VBR	Chiropractor	Improve the quality and efficiency of low back pain care in Michigan	N/A									5%	N/A
	Michigan Mental Health Improvement Network for Implementation and Dissemination (MI-MIND) VBR	Psychiatry, Psychology	Improve suicide prevention and access to behavioral health across the state	Summer 2025									5%	N/A
	Inspiring Health Advances in Lung Care CQI (INHALE) VBR	Allergy, Pulmonology	Improve asthma and COPD patient outcomes	One year rule applies									5%	One year rule applies
CQI Portfolio Opportunity (additional measures for established CQIs)	Tobacco Cessation VBR	Select CQIs choose to participate and develop their own initiative targets	Collaboration with established CQIs to support patients in healthy behaviors (related to tobacco use), focusing on high-risk medical and surgical patients.	One year rule applies	CQI specific	CQI specific. One year rule applies (except chiro and psych).	CQI specific	CQI Factsheets are produced for each year, and found on the Collaboration Site, under: Initiatives/Projects/Workgroups > CQIs Program					2%	One year rule applies

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