

Questions and Answers from the 2023/24 QIP Launch Webinar

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to answer outstanding questions posed during the 2023/24 [QIP launch webinar](#) on November 16, 2022.

Questions and Answers

1. When will QIP Navigator be open?

We are anticipating that QIP Navigator will be open in early December 2022.

2. Is the QIP submission mandatory this year?

Ontario Health is expecting organizations to submit a QIP through navigator by March 31, 2023.

3. Where can I find the QIP Narrative questions?

The Narrative questions are located at the end of the [QIP Technical Specifications](#) document.

4. Is there a specific or standardized template that is needed to submit your QIP?

Once Navigator opens, you will be able to download blank templates for the Narrative and Workplan sections. These may be useful when working on your QIP with your teams offline. Please note that Navigator does not have the functionality to allow you to upload a completed template back into Navigator. You will need to complete and submit your QIP directly through Navigator.

5. Do I have to complete a Progress Report this year?

If you fully submitted a 2022/23 QIP, you will be expected to complete the Progress Report. If you did not submit a 2022/23 QIP, you will not have access to the Progress Report section.

Long-term care homes will be able to comment on the previous year's quality initiatives using the Narrative section (reflections since your last QIP).

6. Hospitals only: What is required for performance-based compensation and the QIP (i.e., ECFAA and executive compensation)?

The Excellent Care for All Act (ECFAA) requires CEOs' and other executives' compensation to be linked to the achievement of performance improvement targets laid out in the QIP of every hospital in Ontario. As executive compensation is tied to the QIP, organizations are

required to include a performance-based compensation component as part of the QIP every fiscal year. There are two sections within the QIP hospitals must complete to satisfy this requirement. First, there is a mandatory free-text field within the Narrative where hospitals can describe how they have connected executive compensation to the priorities. Second, within the priority indicator measurement section, they have the option to choose which indicators are included in their executive compensation.

For more information, please refer to [Excellent Care for All Act Updates: Performance-Based Compensation](#).

7. If we are part of an Ontario Health Team (OHT), do we have to submit a QIP and a cQIP?

Yes—the collaborative QIP (cQIP) is related to, but distinct from, the provincial QIP. The cQIP is designed to support multiple partner organizations within an OHT in developing and monitoring common quality improvement activities, whereas the QIP focuses on organization-specific issues.

8. Will data be available (pre-populated) for the priority indicators?

Please refer to the [QIP Technical Specifications](#) for details on which indicators will be pre-populated.

9. If the priority indicators don't fit with our strategic plan, are we able to add indicators that better fit with where we want to focus our quality improvement strategies?

You can enter any indicator(s) that you wish into the Workplan as a custom indicator.

For each of the priority indicators, QIP Navigator will require that you include the reason you are not selecting the priority indicator in the comment section.

10. If we are doing well on the priority indicators, should we include them in our QIP?

The priority indicators are based on current issues that are affecting health care in Ontario. If your organization is doing well on the priority indicators, you can create a custom indicator that better fits with the concerns or issues relevant to your organization.

11. How can we "share" indicators/ initiatives/plans across organizations?

Please see [Query QIP](#) and [Download QIP](#), in [QIP Navigator](#), once the QIP submissions are published.

12. Are there any mandatory indicators for 2023/24?

There are no mandatory indicators in the 2023/24 QIPs.

13. What are priority indicators and how are they selected?

Each year, Ontario Health releases a list of [priority indicators](#) for each sector. Priority indicators are carefully selected through consultation with multiple partners and are consistent with priorities of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Long-Term Care, and Ontario Health. Collectively, these indicators will support a shared focus on key quality issues across all organizations and sectors. We strongly encourage all organizations to include these priority indicators in your QIP.