



## PROVIDER ALERT

### NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Affordable Care Act: Additional Reporting Requirements

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In an effort to set uniform data collection standards as required by Section 4302 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has provided guidance on the data standards for race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status. Beginning with the December 7<sup>th</sup> release, the 'Additional Reporting Requirements' section in ProviderConnect will change to implement these recommendations.

Specifically, the questions for Race and Ethnicity have been switched to capture Ethnicity first, followed by Race (see below).

**Additional Required Reporting Data**  
Ethnicity  
\*Is the consumer of Hispanic, Latina/o or Spanish origin?  Yes  No  Not Available  
\*Race (Check all that apply)  
 White  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Black or African American  
 Asian  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  Not Available

In addition, there are now three (3) questions pertaining to the consumer's Primary Language and a six (6) item set of questions to gauge disability.

Primary Language  
How well does the consumer speak English?(5 years old or older)   
Does the consumer speak a language other than English at home? (5 years old or older)  Yes  No  Not Available  
If yes, what is this language? (5 years old or older)  Spanish  Other   
Disability Status  
\*Is the consumer deaf or do they have serious difficulty hearing?  Yes  No  Not Available  
\*Is the consumer blind or do they have serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses?  Yes  No  Not Available  
Because of a physical, mental or emotional condition, does the consumer have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?(5 years old or older)  Yes  No  Not Available  
Does the consumer have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?(5 years old or older)  Yes  No  Not Available  
Does the consumer have difficulty dressing or bathing?(5 years old or older)  Yes  No  Not Available  
Because of a physical, mental or emotional condition, does the consumer have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?(15 years old or older)  Yes  No  Not Available

For additional information, you may reference the [“U.S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE ON DATA COLLECTION STANDARDS FOR RACE, ETHNICITY, SEX, PRIMARY LANGUAGE, AND DISABILITY STATUS”](#) or by visiting the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at <http://www.hhs.gov/>.