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NAQC’s Minimal Data Set (MDS) Implementation Assessment: Begins July 5, 2007

On Thursday, July 5, 2007, NAQC will launch its long awaited assessment of the NAQC Minimal Data Set (MDS).

The MDS Implementation Assessment is voluntary, but important for understanding the impact of MDS implementation on quitline resources and the extent to which the MDS is being used in North America. The MDS Implementation Assessment Working Group has led the development of these materials. Every effort has been made to minimize the amount of time and effort it will take to complete this assessment. We expect that quitline funders will need to coordinate with quitline service providers/vendors and evaluators to complete this assessment. In the assessment tools, we have provided recommendations for the survey questions that may need to be completed by quitline funders, service providers and/or evaluators.

The MDS Implementation Assessment tools will include completion of two surveys:
• Part 1: Process and Impact Assessment
• Part 2: Intake and Follow Up Tools

This assessment is your opportunity to:
• Review the MDS questions for any needed revisions.
• Identify parts of the MDS process or particular items that are/were especially difficult to work with.
• Inform NAQC about how it can improve support provided to quitlines for processes like the MDS.
• Identify additional questions that you would be interested in seeing added to the MDS and report.
• Share whether the MDS meets your needs or not.

TIMELINE:
• Thursday, July 5 – assessment tools emailed to funders and service providers/vendors
• Wednesday, July 11, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EASTERN – Conference call to discuss the assessment tools
• Friday, July 13, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. EASTERN – Conference call to discuss the assessment tools
• Friday, July 27, 2007 – DEADLINE FOR FUNDERS TO RETURN COMPLETED ASSESSMENT TOOLS TO NAQC

Please email Annamaria Feltracco, NAQC Consultant, at afeltracco@naquitline.org with any questions.