

Advancing Our Strategic Growth through Fidelity to the Help Me Grow Model

In 2021, the Help Me Grow (HMG) National Center began instituting a series of enhancements to measurement. The HMG Fidelity Assessment is the primary way in which the National Affiliate Network reports data that inform our understanding of HMG's true impact. To better align with other federal and national initiatives and advance its five strategic growth priorities, the National Center is incrementally adjusting the Fidelity Assessment. The HMG National Center solicited feedback from HMG systems in order to ensure that measurement and reporting changes meet the needs and respect the capacity of the National Affiliate Network.

As enhancement to HMG measurement proceeds, the HMG National Center will maintain its commitment to making adjustments in a gradual, phased, and fully supported manner with accompanying technical assistance in order to allow ample time and resources necessary for affiliate implementation.

Reporting Schedule Changes for 2023

1 Twice a Year Reporting
In 2021, the HMG National Center notified the National Affiliate Network of an increase in reporting frequency. With this came the introduction of the Mini Assessment designed for quarterly reporting. Following the initial Mini Assessment pilot phase, the HMG National Center engaged the Affiliate Network in a dialogue to provide feedback on the Assessment and intended reporting frequency. In response to the feedback received, affiliate reporting will take place two times a year rather than four. Moving forward, HMG systems will complete one full-length Fidelity assessment (due March 1) and one Mini Assessment as a mid-year check point (due August 1).

Why this change? To decrease reporting burden for the National Affiliate Network.

2 Reporting on a Calendar Year Cycle
Based on feedback from the National Affiliate Network, the HMG Fidelity Assessment will now be conducted on a calendar year cycle, capturing data collected between January 1 and December 31. Additionally, affiliates will be provided increased time to aggregate data for submission. Starting in 2023, the Fidelity Assessment will capture data from January 1 through December 31, 2022. Submission due March 1, 2023.

Why this change?
To better align with affiliates' other existing reporting requirements.

Assessment Schedule 2023	Due	Reporting Data From
Fidelity Assessment	March 1, 2023	January 1 - December 31, 2022
Mini Assessment	August 1, 2023	January 1 - June 30, 2023