

Adjusting Consortium Levels of Performance

Consortia may submit requested changes to their levels of performance in their APR. *However, if the consortium or the state is on an improvement plan for an indicator, performance levels for that indicator cannot be adjusted.* Consortia are not required to suggest a specific change to the numerical value, but rather must provide sufficient rationale to justify deviation from the standard methodology. Consortia may request changes to performance levels for any indicator for any grant year(s). Once received, state staff will consider the rationale provided in the APR and determine whether or how much to adjust the consortium performance level and the state level if needed. If the revised consortium level of performance impacts the overall state level of performance for an indicator, the adjusted state performance level is required to undergo 60 days of public comment.

Performance level may be adjusted under the following two circumstances:

Unanticipated Circumstances

- Can be requested any year of the grant
- Requires continuous progress – each year must be higher than the previous year
- The state is required to issue objective criteria for determining “unanticipated circumstances.” These criteria are as follows:
 - ❖ Program closed/opened that impacts concentrators
 - ❖ Enrollment change that impacts concentrators/indicator
 - ❖ Policy/practices impact concentrators/indicator
 - ❖ Natural disaster impacts programs for significant time
 - ❖ Economic changes specific to your local area
- Rationale must include a comparison of performance levels among similar consortia
- State-wide unanticipated circumstances may necessitate state-initiated changes to consortia levels of performance

Before 3rd Grant Year

- State staff will monitor methodology and determine if adjustments are needed
- Performance levels adjusted under this scenario must be higher than the actual performance of the previous two years
- Although not limited to unanticipated circumstances, consortia need to provide detailed rationale
- These will most likely be systematic and/or state-wide changes that would impact state and consortia performance levels