Figure 1. Public/Login or Registration Page – Provides submission information and a link for users to register or log in if they have received their user name and password.

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| Welcome | to the 2009 CAHPS Health Plan Survey Data Submission | n System |
| ne online Data Submission System e | nables users to submit and view the status of the CAHPS Health Plan Survey informatio | 1. |
| What to Submit | | Registered Users |
| The CAHPS Database will a | ccept Medicaid and SCHIP survey data for the following survey versions. | Usemame: Password: |
| Adult • 4.0 or 4.0H Medicaid | population | Log in |
| Child • 4.0 Medicaid and SCł • 4.0 Medicaid and SCł | HIP populations with Chronic Conditions HIP populations without Chronic Conditions | Forgot your Username or Password? |
| Registration Request | | Resources |
| Snancare castitiane vendar | re health plane and other participante must complete a registration request form. The | Submission Deadlines |
| CAHPS Database will review Submission System. | a, resum plans and other participants indis complete a registration request rolls. The your request and will send you an e-mail with the information to access the Data | CAHPS Health Plan Survey Data Use Agreement |
| Register | | 2009 CAHPS Health Plan Survey Questionnaire Standards |
| Data Submission Proc | ess | 2009 CAHPS Health Plan Survey |
| Submit Data Use Agre | eement (DUA) | 4.0 Data Specifications Composites, Ratings Case Mix |
| Download the <u>2009 CAHPS </u> Nadkarni, Westat, RA 1159, than June 26, 2009. | Health Plan Survey Data Use Agreement. Sign and return the DUA by mail to Swati 1650 Research Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850 or fax it to 💷 - (301) 610-4950 📀 no later | Survey Methodology(<u>HTML/PDF</u>) |
| We encourage you to start th | hat process soon if your legal department must review the agreement before signing. | Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)(<u>HTML/PDF</u>) |
| Enter Health Plan Info | ormation | National Healthcare Quality |
| Enter all the required charact file. | teristics for the participating health plan prior to submitting the questionnaire and data | Report (NHQR) Authorization Form (<u>PDF</u>) |
| Submit CAHPS Quest | tionnaire | Association For Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) Authorization Form (PDF) |
| Upload and link a CAHPS qu ensure that it meets the <u>CAH</u> by email. | uestionnaire to the appropriate health plan. The NCBD will review the questionnaire to HPS Health Plan Survey Standards. You will be sent an approval or rejection notification | Contact Us |
| Submit Data File | | _ |
| Upload a data file (ASCI/Flat | file) for the participating health plan and view detailed data file evaluation reports. | |
| The data file must conform to | o the 2009 NCQA 4.0H or 2009 CAHPS 4.0 Health Plan Survey Data Specifications. | |
| Submission Status | | |
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View submission history and detailed data file reports. The CAHPS Database will review the Data Use Agreement, Plan Information, Questionnaire and Data Files submitted for the participating health plan and send a final approval or rejection by e-mail.

Figure 2 Registration - Participants are requested to enter their contact information, identify their role, as a sponsor, coalition, health plan or vendor, primary contact, if their organization previously participated in the CAHPS Health Plan database, and if also submit data to NCQA. Based on this information, the database submission administrator approves their registration to the database and automatically sends emails with their username and password.

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| | CAHPS Health Plan Survey Registration Request Form | |
| Cor info | nplete the information below. The CAHPS Database will review your request and will send you an e-mail with the rmation to access the 2009 CAHPS Health Plan Survey Data Submission System. | |
| | * Required Item | |
| | *Organization Name: | |
| | *First Name: | |
| | *Last Name: | |
| | Title/Position: | |
| | *Address 1 (No P.O. Box allowed): | |
| | Address 2: (No P.O. Box allowed): | |
| | *City: | |
| | *State: 🗸 | |
| | *Zip Code: | |
| | *Telephone number: | |
| | Fax number: | |
| | "Email address: | |
| | dentify your role as a participant O Sponsor (Organization that receives the sponsor report) Coalition Vendor Please list the name(s) of the sponsor organization you are representing: O Health Plan but not a Sponsor (Submitting data for a sponsor and does not receive a report) | |
| | As a Health Plan are you submitting data on behalf of : Sponsor Organization Please list the sponsor(s) | |
| | | |
| | Coalition Please list the name of the coalition(s): | |
| | Other Organization | |
| | Please list the name of the other organization(s): | |
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| | Additional Information about your role as a participant: | |
| | Are you the primary contact? Ves No Has your organization previously participated in the CAHPS Health Plan Survey? | |
| | ○ Tes ○ No | |
| • | Do you submit data to NCQA? | |
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| | Register | |
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Figure 3. Home Page. Outlines each of the steps for data submission process.

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| Main Menu | Plan Information | Submit Questionnaire | Submit Data File | Submission Status |
| Sponsor Acco | unt: Westat Inc. | | | |
| The online Dat | a Submission System enables users | to submit and view the status of the CAHPS | Health Plan Survey information. | |
| • Subr | nit Data Use Agreement (DU/ | 4) | | |
| | Download the 2009 CAHPS Health P Research Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850 agreement before signing then we en | Han Survey Data Use Agreement. Sign and r Ion fax it to ★ (301) 610-4950 � no late courage you to start that process as soon a: | eturn the DUA by mail to Swati Nadkarı r than June 26, 2009. If your legal depa s possible. | ni, Westat, RA 1159, 1650 rtment must review the |
| • Ente | Health Plan Information | | | |
| | Add, edit or update health plan inform characteristics for the participating he | nation. Click on arrows (�,�) to sort column ealth plan prior to submitting the questionnai | s. Click on \oslash for additional information re and data file. | n. Enter all the required |
| • <u>Subr</u> | nit CAHPS Questionnaire for Upload and link a questionnaire to th <u>Survey Standards</u> . You will receive ar | Approval e health plan. The CAHPS Database will revi n approval or rejection e-mail notification with | ew the questionnaire to ensure that it n in three business days. | neets <u>CAHPS Health Plan</u> |
| • Subr | nit Data File for Review and A | Approval | | |
| | Upload a data file (ASCII/Flat file) for NCQA 4.0H or <u>2009 CAHPS 4.0 Hea</u> | the participating health plan once the questi- Ith Plan Survey Data Specifications. | onnaire has been approved. The data fil | e must conform to the 2009 |
| | The data file will be evaluated in two s | steps. | | |
| | Header Record Review The header record will be evalu system. | uated instantaneously after the data file is su | bmitted and the results will be posted (| on the data submission |
| | Confirm the data file if the hea | der record passes the review by the CAHPS | Database. | |
| | Person-Level Record Revier Once the header record result system. | w s are confirmed, the person level records will | be evaluated and the results will be po | sted on the data submission |
| • <u>Subr</u> | nission Status | | | |
| | View submission history and detailed | d data file header and person-level record rep | orts. | |
| | The CAHPS Database will review the an e-mail notification about the final s | complete submission; Data Use Agreement status of your submission. | , Plan Information, Questionnaire and D | Data File and you will receive |

Figure 4. Health Plan Information – Users add and edit information for each health plan.

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| Spo | onsor Account: Westat | Inc. | | | | | | | | |
| Ad | d Health Plan | | | | | | | - | | |
| : | Click Add and provide Click 'Save' | information at least for the | e first four colo | red fields: Plan | Name, Product N | iame, Populatio | n and Product | ype. | | |
| Yo | u may enter informa | tion for the remaining fi | elds later but | all colored fie | lds must be co | npleted before | e you submit a | data file. | | |
| Add | Plan Name 👧 🕖 | Product Name 🛧 🕹 🕡 | Population | Product Type 🔉 🕹 🕖 | Name of Hea Should Appe | ith Plan As It ear in Report | NCQA Org ID | NCQA Submission ID | Health Plan State | CAHPS Vers |
| Edit Delete | Plan A | Sample 1 | AM | нмо | Pla | nA | | | MD | 4.0 |
| Edit Delete | Plan A | Sample 2 | СМ | нмо | Pla | n A | | | MD | 4. |
| Edit Delete | Plan C | Sample 3 | СМ | POS | Pla | n C | | | MD | miss |
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Figure 5. Submit Questionnaire - Users upload questionnaire documents in MS Word (doc) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format and link the uploaded document to one or more of the health plans identified in the Health Plan Information screen.

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| Main Menu | PI | an Information | Submit Questio | nnaire | Submit Data File | Submi | ission Status |
| Sponsor Accou | unt: Westat In | с. | | | | | |
| | To Upload Qu | uestionnaire | | | | | |
| | Select Verify y Click "E Click "U | "Population" type from th rour contact information a Browse" and select the Jpload Questionnaire". | e drop down list box. ınd update as necessary. questionnaire file. | | | | |
| | * Population: | ~ | | | | | |
| | First Name: | | | | | | |
| | Last Name: | | | | | | |
| | E-mail: | | | | | | |
| | File Path: | | | | Browse | | |
| | | Cancel Uplo | ad Questionnaire | | | | |
| | *Note : Select ti I-888-8 | he population from the dro 108-7108 S BEFORE sub | pdown list. If the population f mitting a questionnaire. | ype does not appea | r in the list, please contanct the | CAHPS Database at | |

Figure 6. Submit Data File Page – Users upload data files from their local computer. Uploaded files will be evaluated in real-time to ensure they meet the basic required format. If not, users receive immediate feedback. If the file is acceptable, the data file is loaded it to the database.

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| Main Mei | nu Plan Inf | ormation | Submit Ques | ionnaire | Submit Data File | Submission | Status |
| Sponsor A | ccount: Westat Inc. | | | | | | |
| Upload C | lata File | | | | | | |
| | o If your Header record | was successfully | verified, pressing the "C | onfirm" button will begi | n the Member level data evaluatio | on. | |
| Header n (Note: M F ilter by 1 | A status bar will app and Member level r ermber level summary rep Category: All Plans (1) | ear while the Memb ecord summary rep orts are only availa | er level data are evaluat orts can be viewed by c ale for files in which the | ed, click on the link in th licking on the link in th Header record has bee | the status column to open a wine e Status column. en "Confirmed") | dow and view the deta | ils. |
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Figure 7. View Submission Status – **U**sers can view the status of their account at any time during the submission process for all health plans in their account.

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| Questionnair | e File Submission Hist | ory Da | ta File Subn | nission History | | | (3 Total Health Plans) CAHPS Database |
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| Questionnain | Product Name | ory Da Population | ta File Subn Product Type � & HMO HMO | D Health U Plan A Information ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ Complete Complete | Questionnaire \$ \$ Submitted for approval | Data File �� | (3 Total Health Plans) CAHPS Database Final Approval ♦ ♦ |