

Merit Incentive Payment System (MIPS): 2019 Quality Measures

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Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control	Diabetic patients, age 18-75, with a controlled A1c under 9.0%	Most recent A1c in 2019 <9.0%
		Must have A1c blood work for 2019 noted in chart
		<i>Tip:</i> Document results in labs section and, if scanned results, in patient documents in EHR
Exclusions/Exceptions: N/A		
Breast Cancer Screening	Women, age 50-74, who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer	Minimum of one mammogram every 27 months with results documented in EHR (October 2017-December 2019)
		Exclusions: Bilateral mastectomy or right and left unilateral mastectomy
Colorectal Cancer Screening	Patients, age 50-75, who had an appropriate screening for colorectal cancer	Five qualifying colorectal cancer screenings:
		(1) Colonoscopy (2010-2019), (2) Fecal occult blood test (2019), (3) Flexible sigmoidoscopy (2015-2019), (4) CT Colonography (2015-2019), or (5) Fecal immunochemical DNA test (2017-2019)
		Exclusions: Patients with a diagnosis or past history of total colectomy or colorectal cancer
Screening for Depression and Follow- Up Plan	Patients, age 12+, screened for depression on the date of the encounter <u>and</u> if positive, a follow-up plan documented	Must be a standardized depression-screening tool. Most common: PHQ-2
		For follow-up: PHQ-9 can be used on the same day
		<i>Tip:</i> Have patients complete the Medicare Screening Questionnaire, scan it into the patients documents, and mark in your EHR's designated fields
		Exclusions: Active diagnosis for Depression or Bipolar Disorder Exceptions: Patient refuses, urgent or emergent situation where delay would jeopardize patient's health
Depression Remission at Twelve Months	Patients, age 18+, with Major Depression or Dysthymia with an initial PHQ-9 greater than 9 who demonstration remission at twelve months with a PHQ-9 less than 5	12 months is defined at the date the patient first has a PHQ-9 greater than 9 and allows a grace period of thirty days before or after the 12-month date.
		11/30/2018-12/31/2019 current assessment period for second PHQ-9 in remission (score less than 5)
		Exclusions: Permanent nursing home residents, diagnosis of bipolar disorder or personality disorder
Controlling High Blood Pressure	Patients, age 18-85, who have a diagnosis of hypertension	Most recent office visit of 2018, patients' BP is below 140/90
		<i>Tip:</i> Blood pressure can be taken multiple times during the same visit. The lowest systolic and diastolic will be used.
		Exclusions: Patients with end stage renal disease (ESRD), dialysis or renal transplant before or during the year; pregnant patients
Influenza Immunization	Patients, age 6 months+, seen between October 1, 2018-March 31st, 2019, who received or reported receiving an influenza immunization	2019 measurement period ends March 31, 2019 2020 measurement period starts October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020
		If given outside of office, document previous receipt in EHR
		Exceptions: Documentation of medical reason (allergy), patient reason (declined), or system reason. Must be documented during the measurement period listed above.

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Statin Therapy Cardiovascular Disease	Patients who were prescribed or were on statin therapy during 2019 and: (1) Age 21+ with active diagnosis atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (2) Age 21+ LD \geq 190 mg/dL or familial pure hypercholesterolemia (3) Adults, 40-75, diagnosis of diabetes with LDL 70-189 mg/dL	Medication must appear in the active medications list with the form, dose and strength.
	<p>Exclusions: Pregnancy, breastfeeding, diagnosis of rhabdomyolysis</p> <p>Exceptions: Adverse effect/allergy to statin medication, palliative care, active liver disease or hepatic disease, ESRD, diabetic patient with LDL <70 mg/dL not on statin therapy</p>	
Screening for Future Fall Risk	Patients, age 65+, need to be screened for future fall risk in 2019	Must be completed at least once in 2019
		<i>Tip:</i> Have patients complete the Medicare Screening Questionnaire, scan it into the patients documents, and mark the fall screening in your EHR's designated fields
Exceptions: Documentation of medical reason(s) for not screening for fall risk		
Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	Patients, age 18+, who were screened for tobacco use one or more times within 24 months and received cessation counseling <u>at most recent screening</u> if identified as a tobacco user	Tobacco use includes any type of tobacco (smoke and smokeless). Patient must be screened for tobacco, not just smoking.
	Exceptions: Medical reason for not screening (ex. Limited life expectancy)	