

HEDIS MY 2022 Technical Specifications

Updates

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Overview



13 Hybrid Measures

Previously there were 11 hybrid measures.



New Measures

Six new measures were added.



Retired Measures

Two measures were retired for MY 2022.



Revised Measures

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) changed seven existing measures and updated two cross-cutting topics that address enhancements across multiple measures.

Administrative data: claims and encounter data plus supplemental data
Medical Record data: data abstracted from review of the medical record
Hybrid data: combines both admin and medical record data

New Hybrid Measures



Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients With Diabetes (HBD)

Percentage of members 18–75 years of age with diabetes (types 1 and 2) whose hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) was at the following levels during the measurement year (MY):

- HbA1c control (<8.0%).
- HbA1c poor control (>9.0%).



Blood Pressure Control for Patients With Diabetes (BPD)

Percentage of members 18–75 years of age with diabetes (types 1 and 2) whose blood pressure (BP) was adequately controlled (<140/90 mm Hg) during the MY.



Eye Exam for Patients With Diabetes (EED)

Percentage of members 18–75 years of age with diabetes (types 1 and 2) who had a retinal eye exam.

Note: *The new hybrid measures were previously collected as submeasures under a single sample of members in the Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) measures. Although they have been separated, NCQA will permit health plans to use the same member sample for all three measures.*

New Measures

Admin Only



Advance Care Planning (ACP)

Percentage of members 66–80 years of age with advanced illness, an indication of frailty or who are receiving palliative care, and adults 81 years of age and older who had advance care planning during the MY.



Deprescribing of Benzodiazepines in Older Adults (DBO).

Percentage of members 67 years of age and older who were dispensed benzodiazepines and achieved a 20% decrease or greater in benzodiazepine dose (diazepam milligram equivalent [DME] dose) during the MY.



Antibiotic Utilization for Respiratory Conditions (AXR)

Percentage of episodes for members three months of age and older with a diagnosis of a respiratory condition that resulted in an antibiotic dispensing event.

Retired Measures



Retired Measures / Indicators

CDC Indicators – Medical Attention for Nephropathy and HbA1c Testing

ABX – Antibiotic Utilization

Revised Measures



Old	New
CDC	HBD- Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients With Diabetes (Hybrid) BPD- Blood Pressure Control for Patients With Diabetes (Hybrid) EED- Eye Exam for Patients With Diabetes (Hybrid)
CDC- Attention to Nephropathy	KED – Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes (Admin)
COA- ACP Indicator	ACP- Advance Care Planning (Admin)
MPT	DMH- Diagnosed Mental Health Disorders (Admin)
IAD	DSU- Diagnosed Substance Use Disorder (Admin)

Exclusions



Clarified that members in hospice or using hospice services anytime during the MY are a required exclusion.

Type	Description
Deceased Members	Members who die during the MY are treated as an optional exclusion.
Hospice	Required exclusion of members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year, regardless of when the services began.
Palliative Care	Members receiving palliative care during MY are required exclusions in multiple measures.
Frailty and Advanced Illness	Some measures include required exclusions for those living long-term in a nursing home or those with advanced illness and frailty.

Note: Exclusions may come from Administrative data or Medical Record data **except** for Frailty and Advanced Illness which is determined by Administrative data exclusively.

Reported Rates Stratified by Race & Ethnicity



Measures

Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL)

Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)

Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients With Diabetes (HBD)

Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)

Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

Measure Updates



- **Weight Assessment & Counseling for Nutrition, Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC)**
 - Clarified that services rendered during a telephone visit, e-visit or virtual check-in meet criteria for the BMI Percentile indicator as well as Counseling for Nutrition and Counseling for Physical Activity.
- **Childhood Immunization Status (CIS) & Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)**
 - Revised optional exclusions for anaphylaxis due to vaccine to be numerator compliant for those vaccines.
- **Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP) & Blood Pressure Control for Patients with Diabetes (BPD)**
 - BP readings taken by the member are eligible for use in reporting if they were taken with a digital device and is documented in the member's medical record.
 - BP ranges and thresholds do not meet criteria.
 - BP documented as an "average BP" (e.g., "average BP: 139/70") is eligible for use.
- **Care for Older Adults (COA)**
 - Removed the Advance Care Planning indicator under measure and created its own Administrative measure for this element.

Measure Updates



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- **Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD)**
 - Updated the time frame for continuous medication treatment to include dispensing events on the Prescription Start Date (IPSD) in the count of treatment days.
- **Transitions of Care (TRC)**
 - Added physician assistant as an appropriate provider type to perform a medication reconciliation for the Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge indicator.
 - Documentation of “post-op/surgery follow-up” without a reference to “hospitalization,” “admission” or “inpatient stay” does not meet criteria for Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge indicator.
- **Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)**
 - Clarified that services provided during a telephone visit, e-visit, or virtual check-in may be used for Administrative and Hybrid collection methods.

Thank you



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