



2021 Medicare Part B Claims

Measure Specifications

Release Notes

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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2021 Individual Measure Specifications for Medicare Part B Claims collection type Release Notes. Measure developers, professional organizations, and other stakeholders have provided comments, clarifications and technical corrections. The list below details changes to existing measures made since the release of the 2020 QPP Measure Specifications.

Global Edits to Measure Specifications:

- Updated Copyright
- Updated Measure Flows

Quality ID #001: Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2081)
- Removed Numerator Options: Performance Not Met (G2089)
- Added Numerator Options: Performance Not Met (3051F, 3052F)
- Updated Numerator Instructions
- Updated Instructions
- Added denominator exclusion codes for identifying frailty and advanced illness

Quality ID #012: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #014: Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Dilated Macular Examination

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Numerator Definitions

Quality ID #021: Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic – First OR Second-Generation Cephalosporin

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 19324, 19366, 49220, 58293

Quality ID #023: Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 19324, 19366, 49220, 58293
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 43410

Quality ID #024: Communication with the Physician or Other Clinician Managing On-Going Care Post-Fracture for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older

- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #039: Screening for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65-85 Years of Age

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (M80.0AXA)
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #047: Advance Care Plan

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 90791, 90832, 90834, 90837, 90845, 90846, 90847
- Updated Instructions
- Added Without Place of Service (POS) 23 to denominator criteria

Quality ID #048: Urinary Incontinence: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #050: Urinary Incontinence: Plan of Care for Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #052: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Long-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilator Therapy

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #076: Prevention of Central Venous Catheter (CVC) - Related Bloodstream Infections

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #093: Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Deleted Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Without Telehealth
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Deleted Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Without Telehealth
- Updated Denominator Note
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #111: Pneumococcal Vaccination Status for Older Adults

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #112: Breast Cancer Screening

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9898)
- Updated Instructions
- Added denominator exclusion codes for identifying frailty and advanced illness

Quality ID #113: Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 99201, 99211, G0402
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9901)
- Updated Numerator Instructions
- Updated Instructions and Rationale
- Added denominator exclusion codes for identifying frailty and advanced illness

Quality ID #117: Diabetes: Eye Exam

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 99201, G0402
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2105)
- Removed Numerator Options: Performance Met (G2102, G2103, G2104) and Performance Not Met (G2102 with 8P, G2103 with 8P, G2104 with 8P)
- Added Numerator Options: Performance Met (2022F, 2023F, 2024F, 2025F, 2026F, 2033F) and Performance Not Met (2022F with 8P, 2024F with 8P, 2026F with 8P)
- Updated Instructions

- Added denominator exclusion codes for identifying frailty and advanced illness

Quality ID #128: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exception (G2181)
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 92521, 92522, 92523, 92585, 96105, 99201, G0515
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92507, 92508, 92526
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exception (G8430)
- Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Definitions, and Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description, Instructions, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #134: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

- Removed NQF Number
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9717)
- Updated Denominator Criteria and Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Instructions and Numerator Definitions
- Updated Instructions, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #141: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Reduction of Intraocular Pressure (IOP) by 15% OR Documentation of a Plan of Care

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201

Quality ID #145: Radiology: Exposure Dose Indices or Exposure Time and Number of Images Reported for Procedures Using Fluoroscopy

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 74248, 74250
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 34703, 34704, 34705, 34706, 74221, 77001, 77002, 77003
- Added Numerator Instructions

Quality ID #146: Radiology: Inappropriate Use of “Probably Benign” Assessment Category in Screening Mammograms

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #147: Nuclear Medicine: Correlation with Existing Imaging Studies for All Patients Undergoing Bone Scintigraphy

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 78803, 78830, 78831, 78832
- Updated Denominator Statement

Quality ID #154: Falls: Risk Assessment

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #155: Falls: Plan of Care

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #181: Elder Maltreatment Screen and Follow-Up Plan

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 92526, 92585, 99201
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92524, 92546, 92587, 92610, 92620, 92625, 92626, 96112, 96125, 99490, 99491
- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #182: Functional Outcome Assessment

- Removed NQF Number
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92537, 92546, 92605, 92607, 92614, 92615, 92616, 92620, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350
- Updated Numerator Definitions and Numerator Note
- Updated Instructions and Rationale

Quality ID #195: Radiology: Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Reports

- Updated Denominator Criteria and Denominator Statement
- Updated Instructions
- Added Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter denominator criteria

Quality ID #225: Radiology: Reminder System for Screening Mammograms

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3): 99201
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3): 97161, 97162, 97163
- Deleted Denominator Criteria Modifiers (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3): Without Telehealth
- Updated Numerator Options (Submission Criteria 3): Denominator Exception (4004F with 1P)
- Updated Numerator Statement (Submission Criteria 1 and 3) and Numerator Note (Submission Criteria 1 and 3)
- Updated Measure Description and Instructions

Quality ID #236: Controlling High Blood Pressure

- Removed NQF Number
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9910, G2115, G2116)
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2118)
- Updated Denominator Statement and Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description, Instructions, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Added denominator exclusion codes for identifying frailty and advanced illness

Quality ID #249: Barrett's Esophagus

- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #250: Radical Prostatectomy Pathology Reporting

- Updated Rationale

Quality ID #254: Ultrasound Determination of Pregnancy Location for Pregnant Patients with Abdominal Pain

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #261: Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with Acute or Chronic Dizziness

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #268: Epilepsy: Counseling for Women of Childbearing Potential with Epilepsy

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #317: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Definitions, and Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description and Instructions

Quality ID #320: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients

- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #326: Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99201
- Deleted Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Without Telehealth
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9931) and Denominator Exception (G8969)
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Note
- Updated Instructions and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #395: Lung Cancer Reporting (Biopsy/Cytology Specimens)

- Updated Numerator Statement
- Updated Rationale

Quality ID #396: Lung Cancer Reporting (Resection Specimens)

- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #397: Melanoma Reporting

- Updated Rationale

Quality ID #405: Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Abdominal Lesions

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 76700, 76705, 76770, 76775
- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Not Met (G9550)
- Updated Denominator Statement and Added Denominator Note
- Removed Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #406: Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Thyroid Nodules in Patients

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 71271

Quality ID #416: Emergency Medicine: Emergency Department Utilization of CT for Minor Blunt Head Trauma for Patients Aged 2 Through 17 Years

- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: S02.0XXA, S02.101A, S02.102A, S02.109A, S02.110A, S02.111A, S02.112A, S02.113A, S02.118A, S02.119A, S02.11AA, S02.11BA, S02.11CA, S02.11DA, S02.11EA, S02.11FA, S02.11GA, S02.11HA, S02.121A, S02.122A, S02.129A, S02.19XA, S02.2XXA, S02.30XA, S02.31XA, S02.32XA, S02.400A, S02.401A, S02.402A, S02.40AA, S02.40BA, S02.40CA, S02.40DA, S02.40EA, S02.40FA, S02.411A, S02.412A, S02.413A, S02.42XA, S02.600A, S02.601A, S02.602A, S02.609A, S02.610A, S02.611A, S02.612A, S02.620A, S02.621A, S02.622A, S02.630A, S02.631A, S02.632A, S02.640A, S02.641A, S02.642A, S02.650A, S02.651A, S02.652A, S02.66XA, S02.670A, S02.671A, S02.672A, S02.69XA, S02.80XA, S02.81XA, S02.82XA, S02.831A, S02.832A, S02.839A, S02.841A, S02.842A, S02.849A, S02.85XA, S02.91XA, S02.92XA, S10.0XXA, S10.83XA, S10.93XA
- Updated Numerator Definitions

Quality ID #418: Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture

- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM (Submission Criteria 1 and 2): S42.311A, S42.312A, S42.319A, S49.001A, S49.002A, S49.009A, S49.011A, S49.012A, S49.019A, S49.021A, S49.022A, S49.029A, S49.031A, S49.032A, S49.039A, S49.041A, S49.042A, S49.049A, S49.091A, S49.092A, S49.099A, S49.101A, S49.102A, S49.109A, S49.111A, S49.112A, S49.119A, S49.121A, S49.122A, S49.129A, S49.131A, S49.132A, S49.139A, S49.141A, S49.142A, S49.149A, S49.191A, S49.192A, S49.199A, S52.211A, S52.212A, S52.219A, S52.311A, S52.312A, S52.319A, S59.001A, S59.002A, S59.009A, S59.011A, S59.012A, S59.019A, S59.021A, S59.022A, S59.029A, S59.031A, S59.032A, S59.039A, S59.041A, S59.042A, S59.049A, S59.091A, S59.092A, S59.099A, S59.101A, S59.102A, S59.109A,

S59.111A, S59.112A, S59.119A, S59.121A, S59.122A, S59.129A, S59.131A, S59.132A, S59.139A, S59.141A, S59.142A, S59.149A, S59.191A, S59.192A, S59.199A, S59.201A, S59.202A, S59.209A, S59.211A, S59.212A, S59.219A, S59.221A, S59.222A, S59.229A, S59.231A, S59.232A, S59.239A, S59.241A, S59.242A, S59.249A, S59.291A, S59.292A, S59.299A, S72.021A, S72.021B, S72.021C, S72.022A, S72.022B, S72.022C, S72.023A, S72.023B, S72.023C, S72.024A, S72.024B, S72.024C, S72.025A, S72.025B, S72.025C, S72.026A, S72.026B, S72.026C, S72.131A, S72.131B, S72.131C, S72.132A, S72.132B, S72.132C, S72.133A, S72.133B, S72.133C, S72.134A, S72.134B, S72.134C, S72.135A, S72.135B, S72.135C, S72.136A, S72.136B, S72.136C, S72.441A, S72.441B, S72.441C, S72.442A, S72.442B, S72.442C, S72.443A, S72.443B, S72.443C, S72.444A, S72.444B, S72.444C, S72.445A, S72.445B, S72.445C, S72.446A, S72.446B, S72.446C, S79.001A, S79.002A, S79.009A, S79.011A, S79.012A, S79.019A, S79.091A, S79.092A, S79.099A, S79.101A, S79.102A, S79.109A, S79.111A, S79.112A, S79.119A, S79.121A, S79.122A, S79.129A, S79.131A, S79.132A, S79.139A, S79.141A, S79.142A, S79.149A, S79.191A, S79.192A, S79.199A, S89.001A, S89.002A, S89.009A, S89.011A, S89.012A, S89.019A, S89.021A, S89.022A, S89.029A, S89.031A, S89.032A, S89.039A, S89.041A, S89.042A, S89.049A, S89.091A, S89.092A, S89.099A, S89.101A, S89.102A, S89.109A, S89.111A, S89.112A, S89.119A, S89.121A, S89.122A, S89.129A, S89.131A, S89.132A, S89.139A, S89.141A, S89.142A, S89.149A, S89.191A, S89.192A, S89.199A, S89.201A, S89.202A, S89.209A, S89.211A, S89.212A, S89.219A, S89.221A, S89.222A, S89.229A, S89.291A, S89.292A, S89.299A, S89.301A, S89.302A, S89.309A, S89.311A, S89.312A, S89.319A, S89.321A, S89.322A, S89.329A, S89.391A, S89.392A, S89.399A, S99.001A, S99.001B, S99.002A, S99.002B, S99.009A, S99.009B, S99.011A, S99.011B, S99.012A, S99.012B, S99.019A, S99.019B, S99.021A, S99.021B, S99.022A, S99.022B, S99.029A, S99.029B, S99.031A, S99.031B, S99.032A, S99.032B, S99.039A, S99.039B, S99.041A, S99.041B, S99.042A, S99.042B, S99.049A, S99.049B, S99.091A, S99.091B, S99.092A, S99.092B, S99.099A, S99.099B, S99.101A, S99.101B, S99.102A, S99.102B, S99.109A, S99.109B, S99.111A, S99.111B, S99.112A, S99.112B, S99.119A, S99.119B, S99.121A, S99.121B, S99.122A, S99.122B, S99.129A, S99.129B, S99.131A, S99.131B, S99.132A, S99.132B, S99.139A, S99.139B, S99.141A, S99.141B, S99.142A, S99.142B, S99.149A, S99.149B, S99.191A, S99.191B, S99.192A, S99.192B, S99.199A, S99.199B

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT (Submission Criteria 1): 99201
- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM (Submission Criteria 1 and 2): M80.0AXA, M80.8AXA
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS (Submission Criteria 1): 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99411, 99412, 99429, 99455, 99456, 99483, G0438, G0439, G0463, T1015
- Updated Numerator Options (Submission Criteria 1 and 2): Denominator Exclusion (G9938, G2126, G2127)
- Added Numerator Options (Submission Criteria 1 and 2): Denominator Exclusion (G2125)
- Added Denominator Note (Submission Criteria 1 and 2)
- Updated Numerator Definitions (Submission Criteria 1 and 2)
- Updated Instructions
- Added denominator exclusion codes for identifying frailty and advanced illness

Quality ID #419: Overuse of Imaging for the Evaluation of Primary Headache

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #422: Performing Cystoscopy at the Time of Hysterectomy for Pelvic Organ Prolapse to Detect Lower Urinary Tract Injury

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 58293

Quality ID #425: Photodocumentation of Cecal Intubation

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #429: Pelvic Organ Prolapse: Preoperative Screening for Uterine Malignancy

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #435: Quality of Life Assessment For Patients With Primary Headache Disorders

- Finalized removal for 2021

Quality ID #436: Radiation Consideration for Adult CT: Utilization of Dose Lowering Techniques

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 71271

Quality ID #437: Rate of Surgical Conversion from Lower Extremity Endovascular Revascularization Procedure

- Finalized removal for 2021