



2022 Medicare Part B Claims

Measure Specifications

Release Notes

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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2022 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 2021 QPP Measure Specifications.

Global Edits to Measure Specifications:

- Updated Copyrights
- Updated Measure Flows

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

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9988)
- Added Numerator Note
- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Moved placement of several frailty and advanced illness codes for identifying denominator exclusions

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- No Significant Changes

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

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #047: Advance Care Plan

- No Significant Changes

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 93593, 93594, 93595, 93596, 93597
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #111: Pneumococcal Vaccination Status for Older Adults

- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met (G9991) and Performance Not Met (G9990)
- Added Numerator Options: Performance Met (G9989)
- Updated Denominator Criteria and Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Statement and Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #112: Breast Cancer Screening

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9992)
- Added Numerator Note
- Moved placement of several frailty and advanced illness codes for identifying denominator exclusions

Quality ID #113: Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9993)
- Added Numerator Note
- Updated Rationale
- Moved placement of several frailty and advanced illness codes for identifying denominator exclusions

Quality ID #117: Diabetes: Eye Exam

- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met (2022F, 2024F, 2025F, 2026F, 2033F)

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9994)
- Updated Numerator Statement and Numerator Note
- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Moved placement of several frailty and advanced illness codes for identifying denominator exclusions

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

- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exception (G9716)
- Removed Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G8422, G8938)
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G9996, G9997)
- Updated Denominator Definitions
- Updated Numerator Instructions and Numerator Definitions
- Updated Instructions and Rationale

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

- Removed NQF Number
- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

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

- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exception (G8433)
- Updated Denominator Criteria
- Updated Numerator Instructions and Numerator Definitions
- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Added F32.4 to list of codes identifying patients who have been diagnosed for depression used for defining denominator exclusion

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

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 72275, 93530, 93531, 93532, 93533

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 33477, 33741, 33745, 33897, 93593, 93594, 93595, 93596, 93597
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

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

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

Quality ID #154: Falls: Risk Assessment

- Finalized removal for 2022

Quality ID #155: Falls: Plan of Care

- Removed references to Quality ID #154 as it is finalized for removal for 2022

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

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92517, 92518, 92519, 92652, 92653
- Updated Numerator Definitions
- Updated Rationale

Quality ID #182: Functional Outcome Assessment

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Updated Numerator Options (Submission Criteria 2): Performance Met (G9906), Performance Not Met (G9908), Denominator Exception (G9907)
- Updated Numerator Options (Submission Criteria 3): Performance Met (G0030), Performance Not Met (G0029), Denominator Exception (G9909, G0028)
- Updated Denominator Statement (Submission Criteria 2)

- Updated Numerator Statement (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3) and Numerator Note (Submission Criteria 1 and 3)
- Updated Measure Description, Instructions, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #236: Controlling High Blood Pressure

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G0031)
- Updated Denominator Statement and Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description, Instructions, and Rationale
- Moved placement of several frailty and advanced illness codes for identifying denominator exclusions

Quality ID #249: Barrett's Esophagus

- Removed NQF Number
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #250: Radical Prostatectomy Pathology Reporting

- Removed NQF Number
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Instructions

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

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

- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met (G8950) and Performance Not Met (G8952)

- Updated Denominator Criteria
- Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Definitions, and Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description and Rationale

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

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02
- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met (G9418), Performance Not Met (G9421), and Denominator Exception (G9419)
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Statement
- Updated Measure Description and Clinical Recommendation Statements

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

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Statement
- Updated Measure Description and Instructions

Quality ID #397: Melanoma Reporting

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02
- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met (G9428), Performance Not Met (G9431), and Denominator Exception (G9429)
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Statement and Numerator Instructions
- Updated Measure Description, Instructions, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, HCPCS: G0297
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 71271
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

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

- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

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

- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: S06.A0XA, S06.A1XA
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02
- Added Numerator Options: Performance Met (G0047)
- Updated Numerator Statement

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

- Added Numerator Options (Submission Criteria 1 and 2): Denominator Exclusion (G0048)
- Updated Numerator Note (Submission Criteria 1 and 2)
- Updated Measure Description
- Moved placement of several frailty and advanced illness codes for identifying denominator exclusions

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

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #425: Photodocumentation of Cecal Intubation

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Finalized removal for 2022

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, HCPCS: G0297
- Added Denominator Criteria Modifiers: Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02