



2020 Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications Release Notes

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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2020 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 2019 QPP Measure Specifications. Version 1.1 of the Release Notes corresponds to version 4.0 (or 4.1 where indicated below) of the posted 2020 Measure Specifications for Medicare Part B Claims data collection type.

Global Edits to Measure Specifications:

- Updated Measure Flows

Quality ID #1: Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 97802, 97803, 97804, 99211, 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, 99239, 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285, 99291, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99318, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, G0270, G0271, G0402
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396, 99397
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2081, G2090, G2091)
- Updated Numerator Option: Performance Not Met (G2089)
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Rationale and Copyright

Quality ID #12: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #14: Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Dilated Macular Examination

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #19: Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care

- Finalized Removal for 2020

Quality ID #21: Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic – First OR Second-Generation Cephalosporin

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 19260, 19271, 19272, 43401, 19304
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 21601, 21602, 21603
- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #23: Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 19260, 19271, 19272, 19304, 38747, 43401
- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #24: 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 #39: Screening for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65-85 Years of Age

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #46: Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge

- Finalized Removal for 2020

Quality ID #47: Advance Care Plan

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #48: Urinary Incontinence: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #50: Urinary Incontinence: Plan of Care for Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #51: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Spirometry Evaluation

- Finalized Removal for 2020

Quality ID #52: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Long-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilator Therapy

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #76: Prevention of Central Venous Catheter (CVC) - Related Bloodstream Infections

- Added NQF Number
- Added Numerator Definitions

Quality ID #91: Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Topical Therapy

- Finalized Removal for 2020

Quality ID #93: Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

- No Significant Changes

- Corrected issue with 2020 PDF specification file to show full list of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes for AOE at the top of page 2 (v4.1 December 2019 update)

Quality ID #109: Osteoarthritis (OA): Function and Pain Assessment

- Finalized Removal for 2020

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

- Updated Denominator Criteria
- Updated Numerator Instructions
- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements

Quality ID #111: Pneumococcal Vaccination Status for Older Adults

- Deleted Denominator Coding, HCPCS: G0402
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396, 99397
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Statement
- Updated Rationale and Copyright

Quality ID #112: Breast Cancer Screening

- Deleted Denominator Coding, HCPCS: G0402
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396, 99397
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2098, G2099)
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exclusion (G9898)
- Updated Denominator Criteria and Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Statement
- Added Numerator Instructions and Numerator Definitions
- Updated Measure Description, Rationale, and Copyright

Quality ID #113: Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2100, G2101)

- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exclusion (G9901)
- Added Numerator Guidance
- Updated Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements, and Copyright

Quality ID #117: Diabetes: Eye Exam

- Deleted Denominator Coding, HCPCS: G0402
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396, 99397
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2105, G2106, G2107)
- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met (G2102, G2103, G2104), Performance Not Met (G2102 with 8P, G2103 with 8P, G2104 with 8P)¹
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Statement
- Updated Measure Description, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements, and Copyright

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 96150, 96151, 96152
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 96156, 96158, D7111, D7220, D7230, D7240, D7241, D7250, D7251
- Updated Numerator Definitions
- Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 92507, 92508, 92526, 92547, 96121, 96130, 96131, 96132, 96133, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139, 96146, 96150, 96151, 96152, 97127
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92521, 92522, 92523, 96105, 96156, 96158, 97129
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Rationale

Quality ID #131: Pain Assessment and Follow-Up

¹ For Performance Year 2020 reporting, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the American Medical Association have approved the use of the 8P modifier with HCPCS codes to report the Performance Not Met numerator option for Quality ID #117.

- Finalized Removal for 2020

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 96121, 96130, 96131, 96132, 96133, 96137, 96139, 96146, 96150, 96151
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 96105, 96110, 96112, 96125, 96156, 96158, 97161, 97162, 97163, 99078, 99401, 99402, 99403
- Updated Numerator Statement and Numerator Instructions
- Updated Measure Description, Rationale, and Copyright

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

- Updated Copyright

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 37247, 37249, 49465, 74230, 74241, 74245, 74247, 74249, 74260, 74430, 76120, 77001, 77002, 77003, 0254T
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 34718, 36100, 74248, 74250

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

- Updated Measure Type and Copyright

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 78320
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 78803, 78830, 78831, 78832

Quality ID #154: Falls: Risk Assessment

- No Significant Changes

Quality ID #155: Falls: Plan of Care

- No Significant Changes

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 92547, 96121, 96131, 96133, 96137, 96139, 96146, 96150, 96151, 96152, 99391

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 92521, 92522, 92523, 92537, 92538, 92540, 92541, 92542, 92544, 92545, 92548, 92550, 92557, 92567, 92568, 92570, 92585, 92588, 92526, 96105, 96156, 96158, 97161, 97162, 97163, 97168, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #182: Functional Outcome Assessment

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 92540, 92541, 92542, 92548, 92610, 92611, 92612
- Updated Meaningful Measures Area and Copyright

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

- No Significant Changes

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

- Updated Copyright

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3): 96150, 96151, 96152
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3): 96156, 96158
- Added Numerator Note (Submission Criteria 1, 2, and 3)
- Updated Numerator Definitions (Submission Criteria 2 and 3)
- Updated Instructions

Quality ID #236: Controlling High Blood Pressure

- Deleted Denominator Coding, HCPCS: G0402
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396, 99397
- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2115, G2116)
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exclusion (G9910)
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Statement and Numerator Instructions

- Updated Measure Description, Instructions, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements, and Copyright

Quality ID #249: Barrett's Esophagus

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #250: Radical Prostatectomy Pathology Reporting

- Updated Copyright

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

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #255: Rh Immunoglobulin (RhoGAM) for Rh-Negative Pregnant Women at Risk of Fetal Blood Exposure

- Finalized Removal for 2020

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 92547
- Updated Copyright

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

- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: G40.001, G40.009, G40.011, G40.019, G40.101, G40.109, G40.111, G40.119, G40.201, G40.209, G40.211, G40.219, G40.301, G40.309, G40.311, G40.319, G40.401, G40.409, G40.411, G40.419, G40.501, G40.509, G40.801, G40.802, G40.803, G40.804, G40.811, G40.812, G40.813, G40.814, G40.821, G40.822, G40.823, G40.824, G40.901, G40.909, G40.911, G40.919, G40.A11,
- Updated Denominator Statement, Denominator Definitions, and Denominator Criteria
- Removed Numerator Instructions
- Updated Measure Description

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

- Added Denominator Coding, HCPCS: D7111, D7220, D7230, D7240, D7241, D7250, D7251
- Updated Numerator Note

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

- Updated Copyright

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: I48.1, I48.2
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285
- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: I48.11, I48.19, I48.20, I48.21
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Copyright

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

- Updated Copyright

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

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #397: Melanoma Reporting

- Updated Rationale and Copyright

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

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 71250, 71260, 71270, 71275, 71555, 72131, 72191, 72192, 72193, 72194, 72195, 72196, 72197, 72198, G0297
- Updated Denominator Statement and Denominator Criteria
- Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Instructions, and Numerator Note
- Updated Measure Description, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

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

- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 71275, 93886, 93888
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 70486, 70487, 70488, 70547, 70548, 70549, 72141, 72142, 72156
- Updated Denominator Statement
- Updated Numerator Statement

Quality ID #407: Appropriate Treatment of Methicillin-Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus (MSSA) Bacteremia

- Finalized Removal for 2020

Quality ID #415: Emergency Medicine: Emergency Department Utilization of CT for Minor Blunt Head Trauma for Patients Aged 18 Years and Older

- Finalized Removal for 2020

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: S09.10XA, S09.90XA, S09.92XA, S09.93XA
- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: S02.121A, S02.122A, S02.129A, S02.831A, S02.832A, S02.839A, S02.841A, S02.842A, S02.849A, S02.85XA
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exclusion (G9595)

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

- Added Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusion (G2126, G2127)
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exclusion (G9938)
- Updated Instructions

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

- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: G44.009, G44.029, G44.049, G44.059, G44.51, G44.53, G44.83, G44.84, G44.85
- Removed Numerator Note
- Updated Copyright

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

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #425: Photodocumentation of Cecal Intubation

- Updated Numerator Note
- Updated Copyright

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

- Updated Meaningful Measures Area

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

- Updated Meaningful Measures Area and Copyright

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

- No Significant Changes

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

- Updated Copyright