

NQF Measure Maintenance
Measure Commenting Reference Table
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Measure Number	Title	Description
Cardiovascular		
0076	CAD: optimally managed modifiable risk	Percentage of members who have optimally managed modifiable risk factors (LDL, tobacco non-use, blood pressure control, aspirin usage).
Pulmonary		
0027	Smoking Cessation, Medical assistance: a. Advising Smokers to Quit, b. Discussing Smoking Cessation Medications, c. Discussing Smoking Cessation Strategies	Percentage of patients who received advice to quit smoking Percentage of patients whose practitioner recommended or discussed smoking cessation medications Percentage of patients whose practitioner recommended or discussed smoking cessation methods or strategies
0036	Use of appropriate medications for people with asthma	Percentage of patients who were identified as having persistent asthma during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who were dispensed a prescription for either an inhaled corticosteroid or acceptable alternative medication during the measurement year
0058	Inappropriate antibiotic treatment for adults with acute bronchitis	Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with bronchitis and were dispensed an antibiotic on or within three days after the episode date
0080	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): assessment of oxygen saturation	Percentage of patients with COPD with oxygen saturation assessed at least annually
0091	COPD: spirometry evaluation	Percentage of patients with COPD who had a spirometry evaluation documented
0102	COPD: inhaled bronchodilator therapy	Percentage of symptomatic patients with COPD who were prescribed an inhaled bronchodilator
Bone/Joint		
0037	Osteoporosis testing in older women	Percentage of female patients aged 65 and older who reported receiving a bone density test (BMD) to check for osteoporosis
0050	Osteoarthritis: functional and pain assessment	Percentage of patients with osteoarthritis who were assessed for function and pain
0051	Osteoarthritis: assessment for use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic over-the-counter (OTC) medications	Percentage of patient visits with assessment for use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic OTC medications
0053	Osteoporosis management in women who had a fracture	Percentage of women 65 years and older who suffered a fracture and who had either a bone mineral density (BMD) test or prescription for a drug to treat or prevent osteoporosis in the six months after the date of fracture

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Infectious Disease		
0039	Flu shots for Adults Ages 50-64	Percentage of patients age 50-64 who report having received an influenza vaccination during the past influenza vaccination season
0040	Flu Shot for Older Adults	Percentage of patients age 65 and over who received an influenza vaccination from September through December of the year
0043	Pneumonia vaccination status for older adults	Percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who ever received a pneumococcal vaccination
0044	Pneumonia Vaccination	Percentage of patients who ever received a pneumococcal vaccination
Mental Health		
0003	Bipolar Disorder: Assessment for diabetes	Percentage of patients treated for bipolar disorder who are assessed for diabetes within 16 weeks after initiating treatment with an atypical antipsychotic agent
0004	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment: a. Initiation, b. Engagement	Percentage of adults aged 18 and over diagnosed with AOD abuse or dependence and receiving a related service who initiate treatment Assessment of the degree to which members engage in treatment with two additional AOD treatments within 30 days after initiating treatment.
0103	Major Depressive Disorder: Diagnostic Evaluation	Percentage of patients with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder who met the DSM-IV™ criteria during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified
0104	Major Depressive Disorder: Suicide Risk Assessment	Percentage of patients who had a suicide risk assessment completed at each visit
0105	New Episode of Depression: (a) Optimal Practitioner Contacts for Medication Management, (b) Effective Acute Phase Treatment, (c) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with a new episode of depression and treated with antidepressant medication, and who had at least three follow-up contacts with a practitioner during the 84-day (12-week) Acute Treatment Phase. b. Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with a new episode of depression, were treated with antidepressant medication and remained on an antidepressant drug during the entire 84-day Acute Treatment Phase. c. Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with a new episode of depression and treated with antidepressant medication and who remained on an antidepressant drug for at least 180 days.
0109	Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Assessment for Manic or hypomanic behaviors	Percentage of patients treated for depression who were assessed, prior to treatment, for the presence of current and/or prior manic or hypomanic behaviors.
0110	Bipolar Disorder and Major Depression: Appraisal for alcohol or chemical substance use	Percentage of patients with depression or bipolar disorder with evidence of an initial assessment that includes an appraisal for alcohol or chemical substance use

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0111	Bipolar Disorder: Appraisal for risk of suicide	Percentage of patients with bipolar disorder with evidence of an initial assessment that includes an appraisal for risk of suicide.
0112	Bipolar Disorder: Level-of-function evaluation	Percentage of patients treated for bipolar disorder with evidence of level-of-function evaluation at the time of the initial assessment and again within 12 weeks of initiating treatment
Child Health		
0002	Appropriate testing for children with pharyngitis	Percentage of patients who were diagnosed with pharyngitis, prescribed an antibiotic, and who received a group A streptococcus test for the episode
0106	Diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents	Percentage of patients newly diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) whose medical record contains documentation of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV) or Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Primary Care (DSM-PC) criteria being addressed.
0107	Management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in primary care for school age children and adolescents	Percentage of patients diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and on first-line medication whose medical record contains documentation of a follow-up visit twice a year.
0108	ADHD: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication.	a. Initiation Phase: Percentage of children 6 - 12 years of age as of the Index Prescription Episode Start Date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for and ADHD medication and who had one follow-up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority during the 30-Day Initiation Phase. b. Continuation and Maintenance (C&M) Phase: Percentage of children 6 - 12 years of age as of the Index Prescription Episode Start Date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication who remained on the medication for at least 210 days and who in addition to the visit in the Initiation Phase had at least two additional follow-up visits with a practitioner within 270 days (9 months) after the Initiation Phase ends.
0069	Appropriate treatment for children with upper respiratory infection (URI)	Percentage of children who were given a diagnosis of URI and were not dispensed an antibiotic prescription on or three days after the episode date
Cancer		
0213	Proportion admitted to the ICU in the last 30 days of life	Percentage of patients who died from cancer admitted to the ICU in the last 30 days of life
0214	Proportion dying from Cancer in an acute care setting	Percentage of patients who died from cancer dying in an acute care setting
0031	Breast Cancer Screening	Percentage of eligible women 50-69 who receive a mammogram in a two year period
0032	Cervical Cancer Screening	Percentage of women 18-64 years of age, who received one or more Pap tests during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year

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0034	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Percentage of adults 50-80 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer (CRC) including fecal occult blood test during the measurement year or, flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year or, double contrast barium enema during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year or, colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year
Geriatric Health/Nursing Home		
0035	Fall risk management in older adults: a. Discussing fall risk, b. Managing fall risk	Percentage of patients aged 75 and older who reported that their doctor or other health provider talked with them about falling or problems with balance or walking Percentage of patients aged 75 and older who reported that their doctor or other health provider had done anything to help prevent falls or treat problems with balance or walking
0030	Urinary Incontinence Management in Older Adults - a. Discussing urinary incontinence, b. Receiving urinary incontinence treatment	Percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who reported having a urine leakage problem in the last six months and who discussed their urinary leakage problem with their current practitioner The percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who reported having a urine leakage problem in the last six months and who received treatment for their current urine leakage problem
BMI		
0023	Body Mass Index (BMI) in adults > 18 years of age	Percentage of adults with BMI documentation in the past 24 month.
HCAHPS		
0166	HCAHPS	27-items survey instrument with 7 domain-level composites including: communication with doctors, communication with nurses, responsiveness of hospital staff, pain control, communication about medicines, cleanliness and quiet of the hospital environment, and discharge information
RETIREMENT		
0015	Prenatal Blood Groups (ABO), D (Rh) Type	Percentage of patients who gave birth during a 12-month period who had a determination of blood group (ABO) and D (Rh) type by the second prenatal care visit.
0016	Prenatal Blood Group Antibody Testing	Percentage of patients who gave birth during a 12-month period who were screened for blood group antibodies during the first or second prenatal care visit.

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0026	Measure pair - a. Tobacco use prevention for infants, children and adolescents, b. Tobacco use cessation for infants, children and adolescents	Percentage of patients' charts showing either that there is no tobacco use/exposure or (if a user) that the current use was documented at the most recent clinic visit Percentage of patients with documented tobacco use or exposure at the latest visit who also have documentation that their cessation interest was assessed or that they received advice to quit