

Consensus Core Set: ACO and PCMH/Primary Care

The Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) core measure sets (core sets) are intended for use in value-based payment (VBP) programs and may also be used to drive improvement in high-priority areas. The core sets can be used in their entirety to holistically assess quality or can serve as a starting point when selecting measures to meet specific goals. CQMC core sets are developed and maintained using a multistakeholder, consensus-based process and established [selection principles](#). The core sets focus primarily on ambulatory care measures at the clinician reporting level. This core set contains several measures NQF endorsed at the facility or health plan level as noted below; core set users should ensure adequate measure denominator size based on their patient population. Measure specifications and details are linked in the “NQF Number” column, and additional considerations for use are included in the “Notes” section of the table below.

ACO and PCMH / Primary Care Measures

NQF Number	Measure Title	Steward	Notes
<i>Cardiovascular Care</i>			
0018	Controlling High Blood Pressure†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible Use updated HEDIS specifications.
N/A	Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes (SPD)†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	HEDIS specifications
N/A	Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease (SPC)†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	HEDIS specifications
<i>Diabetes</i>			
0059	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: HbA1c Poor Control (>9.0%)†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible
0055	Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Eye Exam	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible
N/A	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes	National Committee for Quality Assurance	**
<i>Care Coordination/Patient Safety</i>			
0097	Medication Reconciliation	National Committee for Quality Assurance	**
<i>Prevention & Wellness</i>			
0032	Cervical Cancer Screening†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2022

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N/A	Non-recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	HEDIS specifications
2372	Breast Cancer Screening†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible
0034	Colorectal Cancer Screening†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible
0028 / 0028e	Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	National Committee for Quality Assurance	eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2022
0421 / 0421e	Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	No longer NQF endorsed. Developer plans to maintain measure independently. eCQM available*
N/A / 3059e	One-Time Screening for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) for Patients at Risk (MIPS ID 400)	American Gastroenterological Association	eCQM available*
<i>Utilization & Overuse</i>			
0052	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	No longer NQF endorsed.
<i>Patient Experience</i>			
0005	CAHPS Clinician & Group Surveys (CG-CAHPS)	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Ensure adequate denominator volume AHRQ guidance
<i>Behavioral Health</i>			
1885	Depression Response at Twelve Months-Progress Towards Remission	Minnesota Community Measurement	Telehealth eligible
0418 / 0418e	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	No longer NQF endorsed. Developer plans to maintain measure independently. eCQM available* Telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2022
2152	Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling	National Committee for Quality Assurance	**
<i>Pulmonary</i>			
0058	Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults with Acute Bronchitis†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Telehealth eligible
1800	Asthma Medication Ratio†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Telehealth eligible

NQF Number	Measure Title	Steward	Notes
<i>Readmissions</i>			
1768	Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR)†	National Committee for Quality Assurance	No longer NQF endorsed. HEDIS specifications should be used. Recommended for use at ACO level. Ensure adequate denominator volume.

*Separate benchmarks should be used based on reporting method.

†Measure NQF endorsed or specified at the facility or health plan level.

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Gap Areas for Future Consideration or Measure Development

Priority Gaps

- Patient-reported measures
- Stratification of existing measures to identify health disparities
- Unnecessary services and waste/overuse
- Comprehensive primary care
- Misdiagnosis/delayed diagnoses
- Continuity of care
- Integration across settings/specialties and populations

Additional Gap Areas

- Appropriate pain management
- Behavioral health and substance use
- Advanced illness, hospice care, and palliative care
- Health related quality of life
- Composite measures
- Goals of care and patient education
- Contraceptive care measures tested at the clinician level
- Medication adherence
- Shared decision-making
- Supplementing core set with population-based outcome measures to address SDOH and development of measures to address disparities

Measures to Consider in Future Core Set Versions

- #3568 *Person-Centered Primary Care Measure Patient Reported Outcome Performance Measure (PCPCM PRO-PM)* will be discussed in 2022
- #3455 *Timely Follow-Up After Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Conditions*
- #1598 *Total Resource Use Population-based PMPM Index*
- *Adult Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Coordination of Care of Patients with Specific Comorbid Conditions* (or similar measure addressing this topic)
- #0004 *Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment*

Core Set Updates for 2021

Updated notes related to telehealth eligibility for all measures

Measures 0032, 0028/0028e, and 0418/0418e remain telehealth eligible for CMS programs in 2022; the notes on these measures have been updated to reflect this continued eligibility.

Removed 0057: Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Testing

The workgroup prioritized inclusion of the HbA1c poor control measure over this measure focused on HbA1c testing. This measure is no longer used in any CMS programs and will be retired from HEDIS due to high performance and redundancy with other measures.

Replaced 0062: Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Medical Attention for Nephropathy with N/A: Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes

The workgroup elected to replace #0062, which is being retired from HEDIS based on concerns that the measure does not align with current clinical practice guidelines. #0062 will be replaced with N/A: Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes, which will be implemented in federal programs and in HEDIS.

Updated note related to 0418/0418e: Preventative Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan

This measure is no longer endorsed by NQF, as the developer did not resubmit for maintenance. However, the developer plans to maintain this measure independently.

Updated note related to 0421/0421e: Preventative Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up

This measure is no longer endorsed by NQF, as the developer did not resubmit for maintenance. However, the developer plans to maintain this measure independently.

Additional details about the discussion and measures not selected for inclusion are available at the CQMC website's [CQMC Workgroup Meeting Summaries](#) page.