

2016 Quality Provider Plan: Patient Safety

The 2016 Quality Provider Plan includes the top measures from HEDIS® and the CMS Star Rating system. The plan includes criteria, exclusions, and helpful tips for providers to incorporate into their practices and workflows. This plan impacts the Medicare Advantage HMO and PPO lines of business. See below for the **patient safety measures** you should focus on in 2016.



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Measure	Description	Timeframe	Compliance/Codes	2016 P4P	Helpful tips
<i>Medication Reconciliation</i>	Members age 18 or older whose medications were reconciled within 30 days after an inpatient discharge by a prescribing practitioner, clinical pharmacist, and registered nurses	<i>Inpatient event:</i> January 1, 2016 – December 1, 2016 <i>Med reconciliation:</i> January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	CPT : 99495, 99496 CPT II :1111F Services by RNs will be obtained through medical record review	CPT II Code Program effective July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate patients on the importance of a post-discharge visit after hospitalization Educate patients on the importance of taking medication appropriately for their safety Ensure a few appointments each day are available to accommodate the post-discharge visits
<i>Medication Adherence - Diabetes</i>	Medicare Part D members age 18 and older with Type I or Type II diabetes – that they fill their prescribed drug therapy often enough across classes of diabetes medications	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	Diabetes therapy: Biguanides, sulfonylureas, thiazolidinedione, and dipeptidyl peptidase (DPP)-IV inhibitors, incretin mimetics, meglitinides, and sodium glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT) inhibitors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate with your patients at every visit the importance of taking their medications Understand the barriers/reasons why they are not taking the medication
<i>Medication Adherence – Cholesterol</i>	Medicare Part D members age 18 and older with high cholesterol – that they fill their prescribed drug therapy often enough	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	Cholesterol therapy: statin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify patient population provided a prescription for a statin medication and did not fill their prescription 80% of the time Schedule follow-up appointment with non-complaint patient and educate on the importance of taking medications
<i>Medication Adherence – Hypertension</i>	Medicare Part D members age 18 and older with hypertension – that they fill their prescribed drug therapy often enough	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016	Blood pressure therapy: ACE (angiotensin converting enzyme) inhibitor, ARB (angiotensin receptor blocker), or direct renin inhibitor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate with patients at every visit the importance of taking their medications Understand the barriers/reasons why they are not taking the medication Educate patients on the importance of managing their diseases, especially when there is more than one

The CPT and ICD-10 codes listed above are used for compliancy in the quality measures. It does not necessarily indicate that these codes will be reimbursed as part of our fee schedule or another quality program.