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Brief Summary



TITLE

Comprehensive diabetes care: percentage of members 18 through 75 years of age with diabetes mellitus (type 1 and type 2) who had low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) test performed.

SOURCE(S)

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). HEDIS® 2009: Healthcare Effectiveness Data & Information Set. Vol. 2, Technical Specifications. Washington (DC): National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA); 2008 Jul. various p.

Measure Domain

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

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SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percentage of members 18 to 75 years with diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2) who were continuously enrolled during the measurement year and who had low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) test performed during the measurement year.

This measure is a component of a composite measure; it can also be used on its own.

Note from the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC): For this measure there is both Administrative and Hybrid Specifications. This NQMC measure summary is based on the Administrative Specification. Refer to the original measure documentation for details pertaining to the Hybrid Specification.

RATIONALE

Diabetes is a group of diseases characterized by high blood glucose levels caused by the body's inability to correctly produce or use the hormone insulin. It is one of the leading causes of death and disability in the U.S. More than 20 million Americans live with diabetes today. One-third of people with diabetes are not diagnosed. Much of the burden of illness and cost of diabetes treatment is attributed to potentially preventable long-term complications including heart disease, blindness, kidney disease and stroke. Timely screening and treatment can significantly reduce the disease burden.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Diabetes mellitus; low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C); screening

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

Members with diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2) 18 through 75 years of age as of December 31 of the measurement year (see the "Description of Case Finding" and the "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" fields in the Complete Summary)

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

A low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) test performed during the measurement year, as identified by claim/encounter or automated laboratory data (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data
Laboratory data
Pharmacy data

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Comprehensive diabetes care (CDC) [LDL-C screening].

MEASURE COLLECTION

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MEASURE SET NAME

[Effectiveness of Care](#)

COMPOSITE MEASURE NAME

[Comprehensive Diabetes Care](#)

DEVELOPER

National Committee for Quality Assurance

FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Unspecified

COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP THAT DEVELOPED THE MEASURE

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INCLUDED IN

Ambulatory Care Quality Alliance

ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

RELEASE DATE

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REVISION DATE

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MEASURE STATUS

Please note: This measure has been updated. The National Quality Measures Clearinghouse is working to update this summary.

SOURCE(S)

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) [LDL-C Screening]," is published in "HEDIS® 2009. Healthcare Effectiveness Data & Information Set. Vol. 2, Technical Specifications."

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COMPANION DOCUMENTS

The following is available:

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The state of health care quality 2008: industry trends and analysis. Washington (DC): National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA); 2008. 131 p.

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