

Measure specifications: Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes: Adherence (SPD)

Metric information

Metric description: The percentage of members 40–75 years of age during the measurement year with diabetes who do not have clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) who met the following criteria: Statin Adherence 80%. Members who remained on a statin medication of any intensity for at least 80% of the treatment period.

Metric specification version: HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024 Technical Specifications for Health Plans, NCQA.

Data collection method: Administrative only.

Data source: ProviderOne Medicaid claims/encounter and enrollment data.

Claim status: Include only final paid claims or accepted encounters in metric calculation.

Identification window: Treatment period.

Direction of quality improvement: N/A

URL of specifications: [NCQA HEDIS measures](#)

Metric Details

Eligible population

Measure	Description
Age	40-75 years of age as of the last day of the measurement year.
Gender	N/A
Minimum Medicaid enrollment	The measurement year and the year prior.
Allowable gap in Medicaid enrollment	No more than a one-month gap during the measurement year.
Medicaid enrollment anchor date	The last day of the measurement year.
Medicaid benefit and eligibility	Includes Medicaid beneficiaries with comprehensive medical benefits. Excludes beneficiaries that are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and beneficiaries with primary insurance other than Medicaid.

Denominator

Data elements required for denominator: Identify members with diabetes through claims and encounter data and by pharmacy data. Both methods must be used, but a member must only be identified through a single method. Members must have also been dispensed at least one statin medication of any intensity during the measurement year.

Required exclusions for denominator.

- Eligible population exclusions are listed in the eligible population table above.
- Metric specific exclusions:
 - o Beneficiaries in hospice care.
 - o Beneficiaries who die during the measurement year.
 - o See HEDIS® for additional exclusions.

Deviations from cited specifications for denominator.

- None

Numerator

Beneficiaries must qualify for inclusion in the denominator to be eligible for inclusion in the numerator.

Data elements required for numerator: Identify members who achieved at least 80% proportion of days covered by a statin medication of any intensity during the treatment period.

Required exclusions for numerator.

- None

Deviations from cited specifications for numerator.

- None

Version control

April 2025 update: This is the first release of this measure.