Measure specifications: Statin Therapy for Patient with Cardiovascular Disease (Prescribed)

Metric information

Metric description: The percentage of males, 21–75 years of age, and females, 40–75 years of age, who were identified as having clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and were dispensed at least one high-intensity or moderate-intensity statin medication during the measurement year.

Metric specification version: HEDIS® Measurement Year 2022 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: Measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year.

Direction of quality improvement: Higher is better.

URL of specifications: NCQA HEDIS measures

DSRIP program summary

Metric utility: ACH Project P4P ■ ACH High Performance □ DSRIP statewide accountability □

ACH Project P4P – Metric results used for achievement value: Single metric result.

ACH Project P4P – improvement target methodology: improvement over self (1.9% improvement over reference baseline performance).

ACH regional attribution: Residence in the ACH region for 11 out of 12 months in the measurement year.

DSRIP metric details

Eligible population

Measure	Description
Age	Age varies by gender: - Males (21–75 years as of the last day of the measurement year). - Females (40–75 years as of the last day of the measurement year).
Gender	N/A
Minimum Medicaid enrollment	Measurement year and the year prior. Enrollment must be continuous.

Allowable gap in Medicaid enrollment	No more than one gap in enrollment of up to one month during each year of continuous enrollment (both during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year).
Medicaid enrollment anchor date	Last day of 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 Medicaid beneficiaries with clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). Beneficiaries can be identified in two ways: by event or by diagnosis (only needs to be identified one way to be included in the metric). Telehealth visits may be included. Refer to HEDIS® specifications for instructions.
- Apply additional exclusion criteria. Refer to HEDIS® specifications for instructions.

Required exclusions for denominator.

- Eligible population exclusions are listed in the eligible population table above.
- Metric specific exclusions:
    o Beneficiaries in hospice care.
    o Members 66 years of age and older as of the last day of the measurement year with frailty and advanced illness during the measurement year. See HEDIS® for specific instructions.
    o Refer to HEDIS® specifications for additional exclusions.

Deviations from cited specifications for denominator.

- HEDIS® specifications require no more than one gap in continuous enrollment of up to 45 days during each year of continuous enrollment. To determine continuous enrollment for a Medicaid beneficiary for whom enrollment is verified monthly, as is the case for the ProviderOne data source, the Medicaid beneficiary may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., a Medicaid beneficiary whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled).

Numerator

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

Data elements required for numerator: The number of Medicaid beneficiaries who had at least one dispensing event for a high-intensity or moderate-intensity statin medication (High and Moderate-Intensity Statin Medications List) during the measurement year.

Required exclusions for numerator.

- None

Deviations from cited specifications for numerator.

- None

Version control

August 2019 update: Additional denominator directions (telehealth) and exclusions (advanced illness/frailty) have been added.

August 2020 update: Denominator exclusions have been changed. The names of the value sets included in the specifications have changed and the underlying values may have been updated. See HEDIS® for specific instructions.

August 2023 update: The specification sheet has been updated to reflect the current version of the technical specification from the measure steward. No substantive changes were made to the DSRIP Metric Details. Note that while the names of the value sets included in the specifications have not changed, the underlying values may have been updated.