

Summary of changes made to 2017 Draft Quality Metric Reporting Guidance

Each measure was changed from PQRS guidance to align with CMS eQMs or electronic Clinical Quality Measure Standards:

1. Controlling high blood pressure – last year was CMS 165 V3, is now CMS 165 V4: <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/ep/2014-measures-2015-update/controlling-high-blood-pressure>
 2. Tobacco Use Screening & Cessation – last year was CMS 138 V3, is now CMS 138 V4: <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh/2014-measures-2015-update/preventive-care-and-screening-tobacco-use-screening-and-cessation>
 3. Diabetes Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control – last year was CMS 122 V3, is now CMS 122 V4: <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh/2014-measures-2015-update/diabetes-hemoglobin-a1c-poor-control>
 4. Screening for Clinical Depression – last year was CMS 2 V4, is now CMS 2 V5: <https://ecqi.healthit.gov/eh/2014-measures-2015-update/preventive-care-and-screening-screening-clinical-depression-and-follow>
- Edits were made to the cover sheet to point out the new requirement to report on four rather than three of the five quality metrics and that aggregate data reporting is still allowed.
 - Edits to update the dates.
 - ICD-9 codes were removed from every metric.
 - The “note” describing the codes that were different from a PQRS report was removed from each measure.
 - Added slashes to the dates and changed “Numeric” to “Date” in the Data Dictionary
 - TOBACCO:
 - The denominator language was changed to patients seen for at least two visits or at least one preventive visit during the measurement period rather than just patients who had a visit during the measurement period.
 - Additional guidance was added.
 - IMMUNIZATIONS:
 - Measures 2-year-olds instead of 3-year-olds.
 - Numerator additionally includes children in the denominator who had a *seropositive test result or had an allergic reaction* to the vaccine by their second birthday.
 - 1 Hepatitis A, 2 or 3 Rotavirus, and 2 Flu vaccines were added.
 - Specific guidance on patient exceptions from each antigen was added.
 - “Note” on directions to document cases of “MC” or “R” separately was removed. (None of these cases have been reported separately so far.)
 - Re-formatted narrative section of guidance with bullets to separate out each immunization
 - Added the new immunizations to the Data Dictionary
 - DEPRESSION:
 - With the alignment with CMS eQMs, the instructions are condensed and the patient eligibility/exceptions are simplified. The examples of follow-up plans were removed.
 - Added, “Was the patient screened?” to the Data Dictionary