



# Medicare STAR Ratings

## Part-D Pharmacy Measures Provider Guidelines - 2019

Measure	PQA Description	STAR Label	Metric	Medications	
Medication Adherence	<b>Medication Adherence to Diabetes Medications</b>  Percent of plan members with two fills for non-insulin, diabetic medications who fill their prescription often enough to meet or exceed 80% proportion of days covered (PDC), as required by CMS.  <b>Exclusions:</b> Members on Insulin are excluded from the adherence measure.	Taking Diabetes Medication as Directed	This measure is defined as the percent of Medicare Part D beneficiaries 18 years and older who adhere to their prescribed drug therapy across classes of diabetes medications: biguanides, sulfonylureas, thiazolidinediones, and DiPeptidyl Peptidase (DPP)-IV Inhibitors, incretin mimetics, meglitinides, and sodium glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors. This percentage is calculated as the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 18 years and older with a proportion of days covered (PDC) at 80% or higher across the classes of diabetes medications during the measurement period (numerator) divided by the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 18 years and older with at least two fills of diabetes medication(s) on unique dates of service during the measurement period (denominator).	Biguanides	metformin (+/- alogliptin, canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin, glipizide, glyburide, linagliptin, pioglitazone, repaglinide, rosi glitazone, saxagliptin, sitagliptin)
				Sulfonylurea Medications and Combinations	chlorpropamide glipizide (+/- metformin) tolazamide glimepiride (+/- pioglitazone) glyburide (+/- metformin) tolbutamide
				Thiazolidinedione Medications and Combinations	pioglitazone (+/- alogliptin, glimepiride, metformin) rosiglitazone (+/- metformin)
				DPP-4 Medications and Combinations	alogliptin (+/- metformin, pioglitazone) saxagliptin (+/- metformin, dapagliflozin) linagliptin (+/- empagliflozin, metformin)
				DPP-4 Medications and Combinations	Albiglutide, exenatide Lixisenatide, dulaglutide liraglutide semaglutide
				Meglitinides and Combinations	Nateglinide repaglinide (+/--metformin)
				SGLT2 Inhibitors and Combinations	canagliflozin (+/-- metformin) dapagliflozin (+/- metformin, saxagliptin) empagliflozin (+/- metformin, linagliptin)

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Medication Adherence	Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS)	Percent of plan members with a prescription for a blood pressure medication who fill their prescription often enough to meet or exceed 80% proportion of days covered (PDC), as required by CMS.	Taking Blood Pressure Medication as Directed	<p>This measure is defined as the percent of Medicare Part D beneficiaries 18 years and older who adhere to their prescribed drug therapy for renin angiotensin system (RAS) antagonists: angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI), angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), or direct renin inhibitor medications. This percentage is calculated as the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 18 years and older with a proportion of days covered (PDC) at 80 percent or higher for RAS antagonist medications during the measurement period (numerator) divided by the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 18 years and older with at least two blood pressure medications fills on unique dates of service during the measurement period (denominator).</p> <p>Exclusions: Beneficiaries with ESRD diagnosis or coverage dates, or that received one or more prescriptions for sacubitril/valsartan anytime during the measurement period are excluded.</p>	Direct Renin Inhibitor Medications and Combinations	aliskiren (+/- amlodipine, hydrochlorothiazide)
					ARB Medications and Combinations	azilsartan (+/- chlorthalidone) irbesartan (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) candesartan (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) losartan (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) eprosartan (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) olmesartan (+/- amlodipine, hydrochlorothiazide) telmisartan (+/- amlodipine, hydrochlorothiazide) valsartan (+/- amlodipine, hydrochlorothiazide nebulolol)
					ACE Inhibitor Medications and Combination Products	benazepril (+/- amlodipine, hydrochlorothiazide) lisinopril (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) captopril (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) moexipril (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) enalapril (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) perindopril (+/- amlodipine) fosinopril (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) quinapril (+/- hydrochlorothiazide) ramipril trandolapril (+/- verapamil)

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Medication Adherence	<b>Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins)</b>	Percent of plan members with a prescription for a cholesterol medication (a statin drug) who fill their prescription often enough to meet or exceed 80% proportion of days covered (PDC), as required by CMS.	Taking Cholesterol Medication as Directed.	<p>This measure is defined as the percent of Medicare Part D beneficiaries 18 years and older who adhere to their prescribed drug therapy for statin cholesterol medications. This percentage is calculated as the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 18 years and older with a proportion of days covered (PDC) at 80 percent or higher for statin cholesterol medication(s) during the measurement period (numerator) divided by the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 18 years and older with at least two statin cholesterol medication fills on unique dates of service during the measurement period (denominator).</p> <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESRD during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Patients in hospice during the measurement year.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Statin Medications:</b></p> <p>Fluvastatin pitavastatin rosuvastatin atorvastatin (+/- amlodipine, ezetimibe) pravastatin simvastatin (+/-ezetimibe, niacin, sitagliptin) lovastatin (+/- niacin)</p>

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Medication Adherence	<b>Statin use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)</b>	To lower the risk of developing heart disease, most people with diabetes should take cholesterol medication. This rating is based on the percent of plan members with diabetes who take cholesterol-lowering drugs. Doctors can help make sure their members get these prescriptions filled.	The Doctor Makes Sure Members with Diabetes Take the Most Effective Drugs to Treat High Cholesterol.	<p>This measure is defined as the percent of Medicare Part D beneficiaries 40-75 years old who were dispensed at least two diabetes medication fills who received a statin medication fill during the measurement period. The percentage is calculated as the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 40-75 years old who received a statin medication fill during the measurement period (numerator) divided by the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries 40-75 years old with at least two diabetes medication fills during the measurement period (denominator).</p> <p>Exclude members who meet any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnancy during the measurement year or year prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• In vitro fertilization in the measurement year or year prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Dispensed at least one prescription for clomiphene during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• ESRD during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Cirrhosis during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Myalgia, myositis, myopathy, or rhabdomyolysis during the measurement year.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Statin Medications:</b></p> <p>Fluvastatin            Pitavastatin            Rosuvastatin            atorvastatin (+/- amlodipine, ezetimibe)            pravastatin            simvastatin (+/-ezetimibe, niacin, sitagliptin)            lovastatin (+/- niacin)</p>