

Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening and Follow-Up (ASF-E)

Measure Description

The percentage of members 18 years of age and older who were screened for unhealthy alcohol use using a standardized instrument and, if screened positive, received appropriate follow-up care.

- **Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening.** The percentage of members who had a systematic screening for unhealthy alcohol use.
- **Follow-Up Care on Positive Screen.** The percentage of members receiving brief counseling or other follow-up care within 60 days of screening positive for unhealthy alcohol use.

Product Lines: Commercial, Medicaid, Medicare

Measurement Period: January 1 – December 31

Codes Included in the Current HEDIS® Measure

Codes to Identify Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screenings (Numerator 1: Members with a documented result for unhealthy alcohol use screening performed between January 1 and November 1 of the measurement period.)

Screening Instrument	Code	Positive Findings
Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)	LOINC: 75624-7	Total score ≥8
Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test Consumption (AUDIT-C)	LOINC: 75626-2	Total score ≥4 for men Total score ≥3 for women
Single-question screen (for men): “How many times in the past year have you had 5 or more drinks in a day?”	LOINC: 88037-7	Response ≥1
Single-question screen (for women and all adults older than 65 years): “How many times in the past year have you had 4 or more drinks in a day?”	LOINC: 75889-6	Response ≥1

Codes to Identify Follow-up Care Visits (Numerator 2: Members receiving alcohol counseling or other follow-up care on or up to 60 days after the date of the first positive screen (61 days total).)

Description	Code
Alcohol Counseling or Other Follow Up Care	CPT: 99408, 99409 HCPCS: G0396, G0397, G0443, G2011, H0005, H0007, H0015, H0016, H0022, H0050, H2035, H2036, T1006, T1012

Codes to Identify Exclusions

Description	Code
Alcohol Use Disorder Exclusion	ICD10CM: F10.10, F10.120, F10.121, F10.129-F10.132, F10.139, F10.14, F10.150, F10.151, F10.159, F10.180-F10.182, F10.188, F10.19, F10.20, F10.220, F10.221, F10.229-F10.232, F10.239, F10.24, F10.250, F10.251, F10.259, F10.26, F10.27, F10.280-F10.282, F10.288, F10.29, F10.90, F10.920, F10.921, F10.929-F10.932, F10.939, F10.94, F10.950, F10.951, F10.959, F10.96, F10.97, F10.980-F10.982, F10.988, F10.99, K29.20, K29.21, K70.10, K70.11
Dementia Exclusion	ICD10CM: F01.50, F01.51, F01.511, F01.518, F01.52-F01.54, F01.A0, F01.A11, F01.A18, F01.A2-F01.A4, F01.B0, F01.B11, F01.B18, F01.B2-F01.B4, F01.C0, F01.C11,

	F01.C18, F01.C2-F01.C4, F02.80, F02.81, F02.811, F02.818, F02.82-F02.84, F02.A0, F02.A11, F02.A18, F02.A2-F02.A4, F02.B0, F02.B11, F02.B18, F02.B2-F02.B4, F02.C0, F02.C11, F02.C18, F02.C2-F02.C4, F03.90, F03.91, F03.911, F03.918, F03.92-F03.94, F03.A0, F03.A11, F03.A18, F03.A2-F03.A4, F03.B0, F03.B11, F03.B18, F03.B2-F03.B4, F03.C0, F03.C11, F03.C18, F03.C2-F03.C4, F04, F10.27, F10.97, F13.27, F13.97, F18.17, F18.27, F18.97, F19.17, F19.27, F19.97, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, G31.83
Hospice Encounter Exclusion	HCPCS: G9473-G9479, Q5003-Q5008, Q5010, S9126, T2042-T2046
Hospice Intervention Exclusion	CPT: 99377, 99378 HCPCS: G0182

Ways Providers can Improve HEDIS® Performance

- During visits, screen patients for unhealthy alcohol use using a validated standardized instrument.
- If a patient screens positive, document the screening encounter date and the corresponding intervention in the medical record.
- Formalize referral pathways to behavioral health resources or networks to ensure a smooth transition of care to specialized behavioral health services, if clinically appropriate.
- Assess the patient's readiness and confidence in their ability to reduce or abstain from alcohol use.
- Educate patients on the implications of unhealthy alcohol use.
- Interventions may include assistance, assessment, counseling, coordination, education, evaluation of eligibility, providing services, or making referrals.
- Provide patients with information on available telehealth service providers for behavioral health and substance use.
- Set flags in EHR for patients who need screenings and follow-up visits

Ways Health Plans can Improve HEDIS® Performance

- Provide members with information on available telehealth service providers for behavioral health and substance use.
- Audit, identify, and educate providers on need for screening for unhealthy alcohol use
- Educate the patient about the importance of follow-up and adherence to treatment recommendations
- Educate providers to utilize screening form in EMR to ensure administrative documentation
- Conduct outreach to ensure members keep follow-up appointments or rescheduled missed appointments
- Educating providers on the use of standardized screening tools.

Exclusions

- Members with alcohol use disorder that starts during the year prior to the measurement period.
- Members with a history of dementia at any time during the member's history through the end of the measurement period.
- Members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement period.
- Members who die any time during the measurement period.

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