▲Measure #114: Inquiry Regarding Tobacco Use

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of patients aged 18 years or older who were queried about tobacco use one or more times within 24 months

INSTRUCTIONS:

This measure is to be reported a minimum of once per reporting period for <u>all</u> patients seen during the reporting period. Tobacco use is to be queried at least once within 24 months prior to the date of service. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. This measure may be reported by clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

This measure is reported using CPT Category II codes:

CPT E/M service codes and patient demographics (age, gender, etc.) are used to identify patients who are included in the measure's denominator. CPT Category II codes are used to report the numerator of the measure.

When reporting the measure, submit the listed CPT E/M service codes, and the appropriate CPT Category II codes <u>OR</u> the CPT Category II code <u>with</u> the modifier. The modifier allowed for this measure is: 8P- reasons not otherwise specified. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

NUMERATOR:

Patients who were queried about tobacco use one or more times within 24 months

NUMERATOR NOTE: The correct combination of numerator code(s) must be reported on the claim form in order to properly report this measure. The "correct combination" of codes may require the submission of multiple numerator codes.

Numerator Coding:

Tobacco Use Assessed

(Two CPT II codes [1000F & 10xxF] are required on the claim form to submit this category)

CPT II 1000F: Tobacco use assessed

<u>and</u>

CPT II 1034F: Current tobacco smoker

<u> UR</u>

CPT II 1035F: Current smokeless tobacco user

<u>UK</u>

CPT II 1036F: Current tobacco non-user

OR

Tobacco Use not Assessed, Reason not Specified

(One CPT II code [1000F-8P] is required on the claim form to submit this category)

Append a reporting modifier (8P) to CPT Category II code 1000F to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

• 1000F with 8P: Tobacco use not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

DENOMINATOR:

All patients aged 18 years and older

Denominator Coding:

A CPT E/M service code is required to identify patients for denominator inclusion. **CPT E/M service codes:** 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215

RATIONALE:

Tobacco use is one of the leading causes of many preventable diseases, however, not all individuals are screened for tobacco use.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

Periodic screening for tobacco use is recommended for all patients. (US Department of Health and Human Services, USPSTF)

Tobacco cessation counseling is recommended for all patients who smoke. (USPSTF)