

**\*Measure #49: Characterization of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Percentage of female patients aged 65 years and older with a diagnosis of urinary incontinence whose urinary incontinence was characterized at least once within 12 months

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This measure is to be reported a minimum of once per reporting period for patients seen during the reporting period. This measure is appropriate for use in the ambulatory setting only. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide services for patients with the diagnosis of urinary incontinence will submit this measure.

**This measure is reported using CPT Category II codes:**

ICD-9 diagnosis 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 ICD-9 diagnosis codes, CPT E/M service codes, and the appropriate CPT Category II code **OR** the CPT Category II code **with** the modifier. The reporting modifier allowed for this measure is: 8P- reasons not otherwise specified. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

**NUMERATOR:**

Patients whose urinary incontinence was characterized (may include one or more of the following: frequency, volume, timing, type of symptoms and how bothersome to the patient) at least once within 12 months

**Numerator Coding:**

**Urinary Incontinence Characterized**

**CPT II 1091F:** Urinary incontinence characterized (eg frequency, volume, timing, type of symptoms, how bothersome)

**OR**

**Urinary Incontinence not Characterized, Reason not Specified**

Append a reporting modifier (**8P**) to CPT Category II code **1091F** to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

- **8P:** Urinary incontinence not characterized (eg frequency, volume, timing, type of symptoms, how bothersome), reason not otherwise specified

**DENOMINATOR:**

All female patients aged 65 years and older with a diagnosis of urinary incontinence

**Denominator Coding:**

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for urinary incontinence and a CPT E/M service code are required to identify patients for denominator inclusion.

**ICD-9 diagnosis codes:** 307.6, 625.6, 788.30, 788.31, 788.33, 788.34, 788.35, 788.36, 788.37, 788.38, 788.39

**AND**

**CPT E/M service codes:** 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245

**RATIONALE:**

Treatment indications are dependent on the severity and impact on the patient.

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**

Patients with urinary incontinence should undergo a basic evaluation that includes a history, physical examination, measurement of post-void residual volume, and urinalysis. (ACOG) (Level C)

Health care providers should be able to initiate evaluation and treatment of UI basing their judgment on the results of history, physical examination, post-voiding residual and urinalysis. (ICI) (Grade B for women)

Bladder diaries provide valuable information on severity and bladder capacity in older persons without disability in the community. (ICI) (Grade B)