

## Diagnostic Evaluation

*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older with MDD — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD who met the DSM-IV criteria during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified during the measurement period

### What will you need to report for each patient with MDD for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not you documented DSM-IV criteria for major depressive disorder, during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified<sup>1</sup>

At least five of the following symptoms have been present during the same 2-week period and represent a change from previous functioning; at least one of the symptoms is either 1) depressed mood or 2) loss of interest or pleasure (do not include symptoms that are clearly due to general medical condition or mood-incongruent delusions or hallucinations).

- 1) depressed mood
- 2) marked diminished interest/pleasure
- 3) significant weight loss or weight gain
- 4) insomnia or hypersomnia
- 5) psychomotor agitation or retardation
- 6) fatigue or loss of energy
- 7) feelings of worthlessness or excessive inappropriate guilt
- 8) diminished ability to concentrate
- 9) recurrent suicidal ideation

### What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.

<sup>1</sup>This measure is to be reported a minimum of once per reporting period for patients seen during the reporting period with a new diagnosis or recurrent episode of MDD. For patients whose episode of MDD began prior to the current reporting period, the clinician will need to report, once during the current reporting period, whether or not DSM-IV criteria was documented during the visit in which the new diagnosis or recurrent episode was identified.