Medication Reconciliation

This measure is to be reported **each time** during the reporting period that a patient aged 65 and older is discharged from an inpatient facility and seen by the physician within 60 days following discharge. This measure is to be reported at an outpatient visit occuring within 60 days of each inpatient facility discharge date during the reporting period. This measure is appropriate for use in the ambulatory setting only. This measure is not to be reported unless a patient has been discharged from an inpatient facility within 60 days prior to the outpatient visit.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older discharged from any inpatient facility (eg, hospital, skilled nursing facility, or rehabilitation facility) and seen within 60 days following discharge in the office by the physician providing on-going care who had a reconciliation of the discharge medications with the current medication list in the outpatient medical record documented

What will you need to report when a patient is discharged from an inpatient facility and seen within 60 days following discharge?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will:

At each visit, ask your patient if he/she has been discharged from an inpatient facility within the last 60 days. If yes, you will report that the patient was discharged from any inpatient facility. If no, you will not need to report any information for this measure for this visit. If the patient was discharged from an inpatient facility (eg, hospital, skilled nursing facility, or rehabilitation facility) within the last 60 days, you will then need to report:

 Whether or not there was documentation that the discharge medications were reconciled with the current medication list in the outpatient medical record¹

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

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or non-physician provider 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.

¹Medical Record — Must indicate: The clinician is aware of the inpatient facility discharge medications and will either keep the inpatient facility discharge medications or change the inpatient facility discharge medications or the dosage of an inpatient facility discharge medication.