Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Dilated Macular Examination

This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 50 years and older with age-related macular degeneration (AMD) (in either one or both eyes) — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 50 years and older with a diagnosis of AMD who had a dilated macular examination performed which included documentation of the presence or absence of macular thickening or hemorrhage AND the level of macular degeneration severity during one or more office visits within 12 months

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

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

 Whether or not you performed a dilated macular examination which included documentation of the presence or absence of macular thickening or hemorrhage AND the level of macular degeneration severity

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to perform a dilated macular examination, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason) OR
- Patient reasons (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason) OR
- System reasons¹

In these cases, you will need to indicate which reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

¹The system reason exclusion may be used if a clinician is asked to report on this measure but is not the clinician providing the primary management for AMD.