

Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)

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

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) who were prescribed¹ ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy

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

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

- The left ventricular systolic function for every patient with heart failure:
 - Most recent left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) greater than or equal to 40% or normal or mildly depressed left ventricular systolic function OR
 - Most recent LVEF less than 40% or moderately or severely depressed left ventricular systolic function (ie, LVSD)

If the patient has LVSD (as described above), you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you prescribed ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to prescribe ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy, 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 reasons (eg, resources to perform the services not available, insurance coverage/payer-related limitations, other reason attributable to health care delivery system)

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).

¹“Prescribed” includes patients who are currently receiving medication(s) that follow the treatment plan recommended at an encounter during the reporting period, even if the prescription for that medication was ordered prior to the encounter.