

Documentation and Verification of Current Medications in the Medical Record

*This measure is to be reported at **each** visit occurring during the reporting period for all patients aged 18 years and older.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a list of current medications with dosages (includes prescription, over-the-counter, herbals, vitamin/mineral/dietary [nutritional] supplements) and verification with the patient or authorized representative¹ is documented by the provider

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

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

- Whether or you documented a list of the patient's current medications with dosages (includes prescription, over-the-counter, herbals, vitamin/mineral/dietary [nutritional] supplements) and verified² the list with the patient or authorized representative

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to document and/or verify current medications, due to:

- Documented reasons (eg, patient refuses to participate, urgent or emergent medical situation and to delay treatment would jeopardize the patient's health status, patient is not currently on any medications, patient is cognitively impaired and no authorized representative available)

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

¹A person who is acting on the patient's behalf and who does not have a conflict of interest with the patient, when the patient is temporarily or permanently unable to act for himself or herself. This person should have the patient's best interests at heart and should be reasonably expected to act in a manner that is protective of the person and the rights of the patient. Preferably, this individual is appointed by the patient.

²Verification is defined as documentation of acknowledgement by the patient and/or authorized representative or provider that signifies discussion, assessment, or review to confirm accuracy of information.