



**2015 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)**  
**Measures Groups Specifications Manual**  
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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2015 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Measures Groups Specifications Manual Release Notes. The list below highlights changes made since the release of the 2014 Physician Quality Reporting Measures Groups Specifications Manual.

**2015 Deleted Measures Groups**

- Perioperative Care Measures Group
- Back Pain Measures Group
- Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) Measures Group
- Hypertension (HTN) Measures Group
- Cardiovascular Prevention Measures Group

**2015 New Measures Groups**

- Sinusitis Measures Group
- Acute Otitis Externa (AOE) Measures Group

**2015 Global Changes:**

- Updated to Reflect Appropriate Year(s)
- Updated Overview: Instructions for Reporting
- Removed 6-Month Reporting Option
- Removed References to Incentive Payments
- Added National Quality Strategy Domains to Each Measure
- Updated Measure Steward Copyright and Symbols
- Added Measures to Measures Groups so Each Measures Group Includes a Minimum of 6 Individual Measures
- Added Performance Met, Medical, Patient, and System Performance Exclusions, Other Performance Exclusion, and Performance Not Met Labels to Numerator Quality-Data Coding Options
- Updated Reporting Timeframes for Denominator Coding (ICD-9 and ICD-10) Where Applicable

**Diabetes Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #2: Diabetes: Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control (< 100 mg/dL) from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Deleted Denominator Patient Encounter CPT Codes 99455 and 99456
- Measure #1: Updated Numerator Instructions and Deleted Numerator Note
- Measure #117: Updated Description
- Measure #163: Deleted Numerator Note and Numerator Options G-Code G9224

### **Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #123: Adult Kidney Disease: Patients On Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agent (ESA) - Hemoglobin Level > 12.0 g/dL from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #47: Care Plan
- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Added Diagnosis Codes Indicating Stage 3 CKD, ICD-9 585.3 and ICD-10 N18.3
- Deleted Additional Criteria for Reporting Measure #122
- Measure #110: Updated Numerator Instructions, Numerator Options Code Description (G8483 and G8484) and Deleted Numerator Options G-Code G0919
- Measure #122: Updated Description, Numerator Statement, Definitions (Deleted Proteinuria Definition), Numerator Options Code Descriptions (G8476 and G8477), Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

### **Preventive Care Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #134: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan
- Measure #39: Updated Numerator Definition (Pharmacologic Therapy)
- Measure #48: Previously NQF 0098, No Longer Endorsed
- Measure #110: Updated Numerator Instructions, Numerator Options Code Description (G8483 and G8484) and Deleted Numerator Options G-Code G0919
- Measure #112: Updated Rationale
- Measure #113: Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #128: Updated Title, Description, Numerator Statement, Numerator Instructions, Numerator Definitions (BMI, Follow-Up Plan, Not Eligible for BMI Calculation or Follow-Up Plan), Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #173: Updated Numerator Definition (Systematic Screening Method) and Clinical Recommendation Statements

### **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #169: Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG): Anti-Platelet Medications at Discharge from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #170: Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG): Beta-Blockers Administered at Discharge from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #171: Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG): Anti-Lipid Treatment at Discharge
- Measure #43: Updated Numerator Option Code Descriptions (CPT 4110F and 4110F *with* 1P) from Measures Group Reporting
- Measure #44: Added Definition for isolated CABG, Updated Numerator Options Code Description (CPT 4115F *with* 1P), and Rationale
- Measure #164: Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #165: Updated Numerator Option Code Descriptions (G8571 and G8572)
- Measure #166: Updated Numerator Statement
- Measure #167: Updated Numerator Statement
- Measure #168: Updated Numerator Statement

**Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #128: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan
- Added Measure #131: Pain Assessment and Follow-Up
- Measure #108: Updated Measure Description and Numerator Statement
- Measure #176: Deleted Numerator Note and Updated Numerator Options Code Description (CPT 3455F *with* 1P)
- Measure #177: Added Numerator Note
- Measure #180: Deleted Numerator Note and Updated Numerator Options Code Descriptions (CPT 0540F *with* 1P and 0540F *with* 8P)

**Hepatitis C Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Added Measure #390: Discussion and Shared Decision Making Surrounding Treatment Options
- Added Measure #401: Screening for Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) in Patients with Hepatitis C Cirrhosis
- Added Denominator Patient Encounter CPT Codes 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99406, 99407
- Measure #84: Updated Description
- Measure #85: Updated Title
- Measure #87: Updated Description and Numerator Options Code Description (G9210 and G8461)
- Measure #183: Updated Title and Rationale

**Heart Failure (HF) Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #198: Heart Failure: Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) Assessment from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #47: Care Plan
- Added Measure #110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization
- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Measure #226: Corrected Numerator Options (CPT 4004F *with* 8P)

**Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) Measures Group:**

- Deleted #197: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Control from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #7: Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Beta-Blocker Therapy – Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI) or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVEF < 40%)
- Added Measure #128: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan
- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Measure #6: Updated Description and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #242: Updated Description and Clinical Recommendation Statements

**HIV/AIDS Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #159: HIV/AIDS: CD4+Cell Count or CD4+ Percentage Performed from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #341: Gap in HIV Medical Visits from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #47: Care Plan
- Added Measure #134: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Measure #338: Updated Numerator Options Code Description (G9242)
- Measure #339: Added Numerator Definition (Antiretroviral Therapy)

**Asthma Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #64: Asthma: Assessment of Asthma Control – Ambulatory Care Setting from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #231: Asthma: Tobacco Use: Screening – Ambulatory Care Setting from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #232: Asthma: Tobacco Use: Intervention – Ambulatory Care Setting from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization
- Added Measure #128: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan
- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Added Measure #402: Tobacco Use and Help with Quitting Among Adolescents
- Updated Denominator Age Criteria
- Deleted Denominator Patient Encounter CPT Codes: 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350
- Measure #53: Updated Description, Numerator Instructions, and Numerator Definitions (Long-Term Control Medications)

**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #47: Care Plan
- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Measure #51: Updated Description, Numerator Statement, and Numerator Instructions
- Measure #52: Updated Numerator Options Code Description (G8924)
- Measure #110: Updated Numerator Instructions, Numerator Options Code Description (G8483 and G8484) and Deleted Numerator Options G-Code G0919
- Measure #111: Corrected Title

### **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #269: Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Type, Anatomic Location and Activity All Documented from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #272: Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Preventive Care: Influenza Immunization from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Measure #273: Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Preventive Care: Pneumococcal Immunization from Measures Group Reporting
- Added Measure #110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization
- Added Measure #111: Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults
- Added Denominator Patient Encounter CPT Codes 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350
- Measure #270: Updated Description, Numerator Statement, Deleted Numerator Option G8859 (Replaced with new G-Code), and Updated Numerator Option G-Codes (Deleted G8859, G3750, Added G9467, G9468, and Updated Description CPT 4142F *with* 1P)
- Measure #271: Updated Description, Numerator Statement, Updated Numerator Option G-Codes (Deleted G8860, G8862, G8863, Added G9469, G9470, G9472 and Updated Description G8861)
- Measure #275: Updated Numerator Options (Deleted CPT 3517F *with* 1P and Added CPT 4149F)

### **Sleep Apnea Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #128: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan
- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Added Denominator Patient Encounter CPT Codes 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350
- Measure #276: Updated Numerator Options Code Description (G8840)
- Measure #277: Updated Numerator Definitions (Respiratory Disturbance Index) and Numerator Options Code Descriptions (G8843)

### **Dementia Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #47: Care Plan
- Measure #281: Updated Numerator Instructions
- Measure #283: Deleted Numerator Definitions Data Element and Incorporated Information into the Numerator Instructions
- Measure #284: Deleted Numerator Option CPT 4526F with 8P
- Measure #286: Added Numerator Definition (Caregiver(s))
- Measure #287: Updated Numerator Instructions and Added Numerator Definition (Caregiver(s))
- Measure #288: Added Numerator Definition (Caregiver(s))

### **Parkinson's Disease Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #47: Care Plan
- Added Patient Encounter CPT Codes; 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350

**Cataracts Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Added Measure #388: Cataract Surgery with Intra-Operative Complications (Unplanned Rupture of Posterior Capsule Requiring Unplanned Vitrectomy)
- Added Measure #389: Cataract Surgery: Difference Between Planned and Final Refraction
- Measure #303: Added NQF Number

**Oncology Measures Group:**

- Deleted Measure #194: Oncology: Cancer Stage Documented from Measures Group Reporting
- Deleted Denominator Patient Procedure CPT Codes 96411, 96415, 96417, 96423
- Measure #71: Updated Numerator Options (Relocated CPT 3374F, 3376F, 3378F, and 3315F to Overview) (Deleted CPT 3370F *with* 8P and 3316F *with* 8P)
- Measure #72: Updated Numerator Options (Relocated CPT 3388F to Overview), Deleted Numerator Options (CPT 3382F, 3384F, 3386F, 3390F and 3382F with 8P) and Updated Numerator Options Code Description (G8928)
- Measure #110: Updated Numerator Instructions, Numerator Options Code Description (G8483 and G8484) and Deleted Numerator Options G-Code G0919
- Measure #130: Updated Numerator Statement, Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statement

**Total Knee Replacement Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Measure #350: Updated Description, Numerator Statement and Numerator Option Description (G9296 and G9297)
- Measure #351: Updated Description, Numerator Statement and Numerator Option Description (G9298 and G9299)
- Measure #353: Updated Description, Numerator Statement and Numerator Option Description (G9303 and G9304)

**General Surgery Measures Group:**

- Added Measure #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record
- Added Measure #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Deleted Patient Encounter Codes: 45379, 45380, 45381, 45382, 45383, 45384, 45385, 45386, 45387, 45391, 45392
- Measure #358: Updated Numerator Instructions and Clinical Recommendation Statements

**Optimizing Patient Exposure to Ionizing Radiation Measures Group:**

- Measure #362: Updated Description and Numerator Statement, Deleted Numerator Instructions and Updated Numerator Option Descriptions (G9329 and G9340)
- Measure #363: Updated Description, Numerator Statement and Numerator Options Descriptions (G9341, G9342, G9343 and G9344) and Deleted Numerator Instructions
- Measures #364: Updated Description and Numerator Options Descriptions (G9345, G9346, and G9347)