



**2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)**

**Measure Groups Specifications Manual**

**Release Notes**

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CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Measures Groups Specifications Manual Release Notes. The list below highlights changes made since the release of the 2015 PQRS Measures Groups Specifications Manual.

**2016 NEW MEASURES GROUPS**

- Cardiovascular Prevention Measures Group
- Diabetic Retinopathy Measures Group
- Multiple Chronic Conditions Measures Group

**2016 GLOBAL CHANGES:**

- Updates to Measures Group Overview, Instructions for Reporting: Combined General Applicability Bullets, Updated Format for Measure Group Reporting Calculation Bullet, and Moved Overview Bullets Where Necessary for Consistency
- Updated to Reflect Appropriate Year(s)
- Deleted all ICD-9 Coding
- Updated Footer
- Format Change - Removal of Bold and Underlined Words and Phrases in Quality Data Code Definitions
- Updated Measure Steward Copyright and Symbols

**DIABETES MEASURES GROUP:**

- Deleted Measure #163: Diabetes: Foot Exam
- Added Measure #126: Diabetes Mellitus: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy – Neurological Evaluation
- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Diagnosis Coding ICD-10-CM: E13.00, E13.01, E13.10, E13.11, E13.21, E13.22, E13.29, E13.311, E13.319, E13.321, E13.329, E13.331, E13.339, E13.341, E13.349, E13.351, E13.359, E13.36, E13.39, E13.40, E13.41, E13.42, E13.43, E13.44, E13.49, E13.51, E13.52, E13.59, E13.610, E13.618, E13.620, E13.621, E13.622, E13.628, E13.630, E13.638, E13.641, E13.649, E13.65, E13.69, E13.8, E13.9; Removed Encounter Codes: 99211, 99217, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, 99239, 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285, 99291, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99315, 99316, 99318, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337 and Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #126
- Measure #1: Updated Numerator Instructions and Numerator Option Description (3046F *with* 8P)
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #117: Updated Numerator Description, Added Numerator Note, Deleted Definition (Automated Results), and Updated Note for Numerator Option Description (3072F)
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

**CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Clarification that coding excludes RRT and Updated Measure #122 Applicability Statement
- Measure #47: Added Numerator Note
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

#### **PREVENTIVE CARE MEASURES GROUP:**

- Deleted Measure #173: Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use – Screening
- Added Measure #431: Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling
- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Updated Preventive Care Measures Group Demographic Criteria Table in Overview, Deleted Applicability Bullet for Measure #113, and Added Applicability Bullets for Measure #128 and Measure #134
- Measure #39: Updated Title, Description, Numerator Statement and Numerator Options (G8399, G8401, G8400), Deleted Definitions (Pharmacologic Therapy, Prescribed) and Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #111: Added Numerator Note and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #112: Updated Numerator Statement and NQF Number added
- Measure #113: Updated Description and Numerator Statement and Deleted Numerator Note
- Measure #128: Deleted Numerator Options (G8422 and G8938)
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

#### **CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS GRAFT (CABG) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Specified procedure codes indicate isolated coronary artery bypass graft
- Measure #44: Updated Definition (Isolated CABG), Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #164: Updated Numerator Instructions
- Measure #165: Updated Numerator Instructions
- Measure #166: Updated Numerator Instructions
- Measure #167: Updated Numerator Instructions
- Measure #168: Updated Numerator Instructions

#### **RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Added Measure #337: Tuberculosis Prevention for Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients on a Biological Immune Response Modifier
- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Applicability Bullets for Measures #128, Measure #131 and Measure #337 and Deleted Measure #131 Domain Note
- Measure #108: Updated Definition (DMARD Table)
- Measure #128: Deleted Numerator Options (G8422 and G8938)
- Measure #131: Updated Domain, Deleted Domain Note and Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

#### **HEPATITIS C MEASURES GROUP:**

- Measure #84: Updated Numerator Option (Deleted 4151F and Added G9499)
- Measure #85: Updated Numerator Option (Updated G8458)
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #390: Updated Title and Numerator Statement
- Measure #401: Updated Title and Clinical Recommendation Statements

**HEART FAILURE (HF) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Measure #5 Updated Numerator Statement, Definition (Prescribed – Outpatient Setting) and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #8: Updated Numerator Statement, Definition (Prescribed – Outpatient Setting), Numerator Note, Numerator Instructions, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #47: Added Numerator Note
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

**CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE (CAD) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #128
- Measure #7: Updated Definition (Beta-Blocker Therapy), Numerator Note, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #128: Deleted Numerator Options (G8422 and G8938)
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

**HIV/AIDS MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #134 and Deleted Applicability Bullet for Measure #160
- Measure #47: Added Numerator Note
- Measure #160: Updated Domain
- Measure #205: Updated Symbol, Added Numerator Note
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #338: Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #339: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #340: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

**ASTHMA MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #128
- Measure #53: Numerator Options (Performance Met) reformatted for clarity
- Measure #128: Deleted Numerator Options (G8422 and G8938)
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #402: Updated Numerator Option (G9460)

**CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #111
- Measure #47: Added Numerator Note
- Measure #51: Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #52: Updated Description, Numerator Options (G8924 and G8925), Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements

- Measure #111: Added Numerator Note and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

#### **INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Updated Applicability Bullet for Measure #111
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #111: Added Numerator Note and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #270: Updated Description, Numerator Statement, Numerator Option (G9467), Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #271: Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #274: Updated Numerator Options Format for Clarity (Performance Met Option)
- Measure #275: Updated Numerator Options (Deleted 4149F, G8870, G8871, and 3517F *with* 2P and Added G9504) and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements

#### **SLEEP APNEA MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #128
- Measure #128: Deleted Numerator Options (G8422 and G8938)
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

#### **DEMENTIA MEASURES GROUP:**

- Update Instructions for Reporting: Deleted Two Denominator Eligible Visit Criteria and Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #281
- Measure #47: Added Numerator Note
- Measure #280: Updated Domain
- Measure #284: Added Numerator Option (4526 *with* 8P)

#### **PARKINSON'S DISEASE MEASURES GROUP:**

- Measure #47: Added Numerator Note

#### **CATARACTS MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Removed Measure #389 from Applicability Bullet and Updated Applicability Bullets for Measures #191, #192 and #388, and Updated Composite Code Summary Table
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #191: Updated Note and Numerator Options (4175 and 4175 *with* 8P)
- Measure #192: Updated Note, Significant Ocular Conditions Table Column Header, Added Significant Ocular Conditions Table Medication G-code (G9503), Updated Numerator Instructions and Deleted 67028 Code from Numerator Instructions
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #388: Updated Description, Numerator Statement, Numerator Instructions, and Numerator Options (G9389 and G9390)
- Measure #389: Updated Measure Symbol, Description, Note, Deleted All ICD-10 Coding, Updated Numerator Statement, Deleted Numerator Options (G9391 and G9392) and Added Numerator Options (G9519 and G9520)

**ONCOLOGY MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Procedure CPT Codes (96411, 96415, 96417, 96423) and Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #143
- Measure #71: Updated Numerator Options (4179 with 1P), Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #72: Updated Numerator Statement, Definitions (Adjunct Chemotherapy), and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #110: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #143: Updated Numerator Instructions and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)

**TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Patient Sample Method (Procedure)
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #350: Updated Description
- Measure #351: Updated Description

**GENERAL SURGERY MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Updated Satisfactorily Reporting Measure Applicability Bullet, Added Applicability Bullet for Measure #358 and Deleted Risk-Adjusted Odds Ratio Bullet
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #354: Deleted Numerator Note and Added Numerator Instructions
- Measure #355: Added Numerator Instructions and Updated Numerator Note
- Measure #356: Updated Domain, Deleted Numerator Note, and Added Numerator Instructions
- Measure #357: Added Numerator Instructions and Deleted Note

**OPTIMIZING PATIENT EXPOSURE TO IONIZING RADIATION MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Procedure Codes 74263, 77012, 78814, 78815, 78816, and 0042t to Common Denominator and 78814, 78815, and 78816 to Measure #364 Denominator Criteria, and Updated Patient Sample Method (Procedure)
- Measure #359: Deleted Medical Performance Exclusion (G9320)
- Measure #360: Deleted Medical Performance Exclusion (G9323)
- Measure #361: Updated Numerator Statement and Deleted Medical Performance Exclusion (G9325)
- Measure #362: Deleted Medical Performance Exclusion (G9328)
- Measure #363: Deleted Medical Performance Exclusion (G9343)
- Measure #364: Deleted Medical Performance Exclusion (G9346)

**SINUSITIS MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions for Reporting: Added Diagnosis Codes J01.01, J01.11, J01.21, J01.31, and J01.41, Updated Composite Code Summary Table and Applicability Bullet for Measure #332 (added G9498), and Deleted Measure #131 Domain Note
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #131: Updated Domain, Deleted Domain Note and Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #331: Updated Title, Description, Numerator Statement, Numerator Instructions, Numerator Options (Updated G9286 and G9287, Added G9505), and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #332: Updated Title, Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #333: Added Numerator Instructions and Definition (Acute Sinusitis/Rhinosinusitis), Updated Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

**ACUTE OTITIS EXTERNA (AOE) MEASURES GROUP:**

- Updated Instructions For Reporting: Added Applicability Statements for Measures # 131 and Measure #317 and Deleted Measure #131 Domain Note
- Measure #91: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #93: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #130: Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #131: Updated Domain, Deleted Domain Note and Updated Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements
- Measure #154: Added Definitions (Balance/gait Assessment, Postural Blood Pressure, Vision Assessment, Home Fall Hazards Assessment, Medications Assessment)
- Measure #226: Updated Numerator Statement, Numerator Note, and Definition (Tobacco Cessation Intervention)
- Measure #317: Updated Numerator Note, Definitions (Recommended BP Follow-Up, Recommended Lifestyle Modifications, Second Hypertensive BP Reading Interventions, and Recommended Blood Pressure Follow-Up Interventions), Recommended Blood Pressure Follow-Up Table, and Numerator Options (Updated G8784 and Deleted G8951)