COMPREHENSIVE DIABETES CARE – EYE EXAM
Measurement Specifications for Star Ratings Program

Measurement Description

Percent of patients ages 18 – 75 with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a diabetic retinal eye exam performed.

Measurement Source

HEDIS 2020-2021

Denominator

Diabetic patients ages 18 – 75 years of age by the end of the measurement year.

Patients who met any of the following criteria during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year (count services that occur over both years):

1. Pharmacy data: Dispensed insulin or hypoglycemics / antihyperglycemics on an ambulatory basis
2. Claim/encounter data:

- At least two outpatient visits, observation visits, ED visits or non-acute inpatient encounters on different dates of service, with a diagnosis of diabetes.
- At least one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of diabetes.

Numerator

Diabetic patients who had an eye exam (retinal or dilated) by an eye care professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist) in the measurement year OR a negative retinal or dilated eye exam (**negative** for retinopathy) by an eye care professional in the year prior to the measurement year.

Exclusion Criteria

Gestational or Steroid induced diabetes	Diagnosis of gestational or steroid-induced diabetes in any setting during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.
Hospice	For Medicare reporting, exclude patients who actively receive hospice services any time during the measurement year.

Supplemental Data

Note: For eye exam performed in the year prior to the measurement year, a copy of the exam must be available and documented as part of the medical record indicating a negative result for Diabetic Retinopathy.	

Best Practice
• Emphasize with patients with importance of an annual retinal eye exam. • Refer patients for their exam or to an eye care professional at the time of their office visit.

Star Ratings Performance Thresholds

Year	1 STAR	2 STARS	3 STARS	4 STARS	5 STARS
2014	< 41%	≥ 41% to < 53%	≥ 53% to < 64%	≥ 64% to < 70%	≥ 70%
2015	< 53%	≥ 53% to < 60%	≥ 60% to < 64%	≥ 64% to < 77%	≥ 77%
2016	< 53%	≥ 53% to < 65%	≥ 65% to < 75%	≥ 75% to < 82%	≥ 82%
2017	< 46%	≥ 46% to < 61%	≥ 61% to < 73%	≥ 73% to < 81%	≥ 81%
2018	< 47%	≥ 47% to < 59%	≥ 59% to < 72%	≥ 72% to < 81%	≥ 81%
2019	< 56%	≥ 56% to < 64%	≥ 64% to < 73%	≥ 73% to < 80%	≥ 80%
2020	< 63%	≥ 63% to < 69%	≥ 69% to < 73%	≥ 73% to < 78%	≥ 78%
2021	< 63%	≥ 63% to < 69%	≥ 69% to < 73%	≥ 73% to < 78%	≥ 78%