

CARE OF OLDER ADULTS: FUNCTIONAL STATUS REVIEW

Measurement Specifications for Star Ratings Program



Measurement Description

Percent of Medicare Special Needs Plan patients 66 years and older who received at least one functional status assessment during the measurement year.

Measurement Source

HEDIS 2020-2021

Denominator

Medicare Special Needs Plan patients 66 years and older as of December 31 of the measurement year.

Numerator

Eligible patients who received at least one functional status assessment during the measurement year:

Documentation in the medical record must include evidence of a complete functional status assessment and the date when it was performed. Notations for a complete functional status assessment must include one of the following:

- Notation that Activities of Daily Living (ADL) were assessed or that at least five of the following were assessed: bathing, dressing, eating, transferring [e.g., getting in and out of chairs], using toilet, walking, continence.
- Notation that Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) were assessed or at least four of the following were assessed: shopping for groceries, driving or using public transportation, using the telephone, meal preparation, housework, home repair, laundry, taking medications, handling finances.
- Result of assessment using a standardized functional status assessment tool
- Notation that at least three of the following four components were assessed:
 - Cognitive status.
 - Ambulation status.
 - Hearing, vision and speech (i.e., sensory ability).
 - Other functional independence (e.g., exercise, ability to perform job).

Exclusion Criteria

Age	< 66 years
Hospice	Patients who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year, regardless of when the services began.

Best Practice

- Document in the medical record a functional status assessment annually.
- The components of the assessment may take place at separate visits within the measurement year.

Star Ratings Performance Thresholds					
Year	1 STAR	2 STARS	3 STARS	4 STARS	5 STARS
2014	< 30%	≥ 30% to < 42%	≥ 42% to < 62%	≥ 62% to < 87%	≥ 87%
2015	< 49%	≥ 49% to < 59%	≥ 59% to < 73%	≥ 73% to < 83%	≥ 83%
2016	< 24%	≥ 24% to < 54%	≥ 54% to < 67%	≥ 67% to < 86%	≥ 86%
2017	< 36%	≥ 36% to < 56%	≥ 56% to < 74%	≥ 74% to < 86%	≥ 86%
2018	< 46%	≥ 46% to < 67%	≥ 67% to < 78%	≥ 78% to < 92%	≥ 92%
2019	< 27%	≥ 27% to < 68%	≥ 68% to < 77%	≥ 77% to < 90%	≥ 90%
2020	< 55%	≥ 55% to < 71%	≥ 71% to < 85%	≥ 85% to < 93%	≥ 93%
2021	< 55%	≥ 55% to < 71%	≥ 71% to < 85%	≥ 85% to < 93%	≥ 93%