

# STATIN USE IN PERSONS WITH DIABETES

## Measurement Specifications for Star Ratings Program



### Measurement Description

Percent of patients with diabetes who take the most effective cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins).

### Measurement Source

Pharmacy Quality Alliance

### Denominator

Patients 40 – 75 years old with at least two diabetes medication fills during the measurement period.

### Numerator

Patients who received a statin medication fill during the measurement period.

### Exclusion Criteria

Hospice	For Medicare reporting, exclude patients who actively receive hospice services any time during the measurement year.
End Stage Renal Disease	Patients with ESRD can be identified using the ICD-9 code 585.6, ICD-10 code N18.6, and/or by the RxHCC 121 -Dialysis Status

### Notes

- Measure is based on pharmacy claims data.
- Only one fill of a statin is needed to satisfy this measure.

### Best Practice

- Consider prescribing a statin to patients with diabetes (as appropriate).
- Build an alert in the EHR to notify providers of patients in need of a statin based on their diagnosis.
- Discuss patient-specific barriers to picking up prescriptions and connect patients with resources as appropriate.
- Educate patients on the importance of statins and medication adherence.

### Star Ratings Performance Thresholds MAPD

Year	1 STAR	2 STARS	3 STARS	4 STARS	5 STARS
2020	< 74%	≥ 74% to < 78%	≥ 78% to < 81%	≥ 81% to < 83%	≥ 83%
2021	< 77%	≥ 77% to < 81%	≥ 81% to < 83%	≥ 83% to < 87%	≥ 87%