STATIN USE IN PERSONS WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
Measurement Specifications for Star Ratings Program

Measurement Description

Percent of patients with heart disease who get the right type of cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins).

Measurement Source

HEDIS 2020-2021

Denominator

Males 21 – 75 years old and females 40 – 75 years old during the measurement year, who were identified as having clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD).

Numerator

Patients who were dispensed at least one high or moderate-intensity statin medication during the measurement year.

Exclusion Criteria

Pregnancy or in vitro fertilization	Patients who were pregnant or receive in vitro fertilization during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.
Clomiphene prescription	Patients who were dispensed at least one prescription for clomiphene during the measurement year or year prior to 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
Cirrhosis	Patients who had cirrhosis during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.
Myalgia, myositis, myopathy, or rhabdomyloysis	Patients who had myalgia, myositis, myopathy, or rhabdomyloysis during the measurement year.
Palliative care	Patients who received palliative care during the measurement year.

Exclude from Medicare reporting members age 66 and older as of December 31 of the measurement year who meet either of the following:

• Enrolled in an Institutional SNP (I-SNP) any time during the measurement year.

• Living long-term in an institution any time during the measurement year as identified by the LTI flag in the Medicare Part C monthly membership file.

Additional Exclusion Criteria

Exclude from Medicare reporting members age 66 and older as of December 31 of the measurement year with frailty AND advanced illness diagnosis. To identify members with advanced illness, any of the following during the measurement year or year prior to the measurement year (count services that occur over both years) meet criteria:

• At least two outpatient visits, observation visits, ED visits, or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis. Visit type need not be the same for the two visits.

• At least one acute inpatient encounter with an advanced illness diagnosis.

• A dispensed dementia medication.

Notes

- This measure is based on HEDIS specifications while Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes and Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins) measures are from the Pharmacy Quality Alliance.
- Only one fill of a statin is needed to satisfy this measure.

Best Practice

- Build an alert in the EHR to notify providers of patients in need of a statin based on their diagnosis.
- Consider prescribing a statin to patients with clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASVD) as appropriate.
- 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	< 75%	≥ 75% to < 79%	≥ 79% to < 83%	≥ 83% to < 87%	≥ 87%
2021	< 75%	≥ 75% to < 79%	≥ 79% to < 83%	≥ 83% to < 87%	≥ 87%