Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Menu Set Measures Measure 4 of 9

Stage 1
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Patient Reminders	
Objective	Send reminders to patients per patient preference for preventive/follow-up care.
Measure	More than 20 percent of all patients 65 years or older or 5 years old or younger were sent an appropriate reminder during the EHR reporting period.
Exclusion	An EP who has no patients 65 years old or older or 5 years old or younger with records maintained using certified EHR technology.

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Definition of Terms

None

Attestation Requirements

NUMERATOR / DENOMINATOR / EXCLUSION

- DENOMINATOR: Number of unique patients 65 years old or older or 5 years older or younger.
- NUMERATOR: Number of patients in the denominator who were sent the appropriate reminder.
- EXCLUSION: If an EP has no patients 65 years old or older or 5 years old or younger with records maintained using certified EHR technology that EP is excluded from this requirement. EPs must select NO next to the appropriate exclusion, then click the APPLY button in order to attest to the exclusion.

The resulting percentage (Numerator ÷ Denominator) must be more than 20 percent in order for an EP to meet this measure.

Additional Information

- The provider is permitted, but not required, to limit the measure of this objective to those patients whose records are maintained using certified EHR technology.
- EPs meet the aspect of ''per patient preference'' of this objective if they are accommodating reasonable requests in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as specified at 45 CFR 164.522(b), which is the guidance established for accommodating patient requests.
- EP has the discretion to determine the frequency, means of transmission, and form of the reminder limited only by the requirements the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as specified at 45 CFR 164.522(b), and any other applicable federal, state or local regulations that apply to them.

Related Meaningful Use FAQs

To see the FAQs, click the New ID # hyperlinks below, or visit the CMS FAQ web page at https://questions.cms.gov/ and enter the New ID # into the Search Box, clicking the "FAQ #" option to view the answer to the FAQ. (Or you can enter the OLD # into the Search Box and click the "Text" option.)

- What do the numerators and denominators mean in measures that are required to demonstrate meaningful use? ***New ID #2813, Old ID #10095***
- For EPs who see patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings, and where certified EHR technology is available at each location, should these EPs base their denominators for meaningful use objectives on the number of unique patients in only the outpatient setting or on the total number of unique patients from both settings? ***New ID #2765, Old ID #10068***
- If an EP is unable to meet the measure of a meaningful use objective because it is outside of the scope of his or her practice, will the EP be excluded from meeting the measure of that objective? ***New ID #2883, Old ID #10151***
- Should patient encounters in an ambulatory surgical center be included in the denominator for calculating that at least 50 percent or more of an EP's patient encounters during the reporting period occurred at practices/locations equipped with certified EHR technology? ***New ID #3065, Old ID #10466***
- If an EP sees a patient in a setting that does not have certified EHR technology but enters all of the patient's information into certified EHR technology at another practice location, can the patient be counted in the numerators and denominators of meaningful use measures? ***New ID #3077, Old ID #10475***
- How should EPs select menu objectives? ***New ID #2903, Old ID #10162***

Certification and Standards Criteria

Below is the corresponding certification and standards criteria for electronic health record technology that supports achieving the meaningful use of this objective.

Certification Criteria	
§170.304(d) Patient	Enable a user to electronically generate a patient reminder list for preventive or follow-up care according to patient preferences based on, at a minimum, the data

reminders	elements included in: (1) Problem list; (2) Medication list; (3) Medication allergy list; (4) Demographics; and (5) Laboratory test results.
§170.302(n) Automated measure calculation	For each meaningful use objective with a percentage-based measure, electronically record the numerator and denominator and generate a report including the numerator, denominator, and resulting percentage associated with each applicable meaningful use measure.

Standards Criteria	
	N/A

Related Certification FAQs

Click on the green numbers to view the answer to the FAQ.

- Is an EP limited to demonstrating meaningful use in the exact way that EHR technology was tested and certified? Similarly, if the EHR technology was tested and certified with certain clinical decision support rules, are those the only clinical decision support rules an eligible health care provider is permitted to use when demonstrating meaningful use? ***3-11-024-1***