Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Menu Set Measures Measure 6 of 9

Stage 1
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Medication Reconciliation	
Objective	The EP who receives a patient from another setting of care or provider of care or believes an encounter is relevant should perform medication reconciliation.
Measure	The EP performs medication reconciliation for more than 50 percent of transitions of care in which the patient is transitioned into the care of the EP.
Exclusion	An EP who was not the recipient of any transitions of care during the EHR reporting period.

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Definition of Terms

Medication Reconciliation -- The process of identifying the most accurate list of all medications that the patient is taking, including name, dosage, frequency, and route, by comparing the medical record to an external list of medications obtained from a patient, hospital, or other provider.

Relevant Encounter – An encounter during which the EP performs a medication reconciliation due to new medication or long gaps in time between patient encounters or for other reasons determined appropriate by the EP. Essentially an encounter is relevant if the EP judges it to be so. (Note: Relevant encounters are not included in the numerator and denominator of the measure for this objective.)

Transition of Care – The movement of a patient from one setting of care (hospital, ambulatory primary care practice, ambulatory specialty care practice, long-term care, home health, rehabilitation facility) to another.

Attestation Requirements

NUMERATOR / DENOMINATOR / EXCLUSION

- DENOMINATOR: Number of transitions of care during the EHR reporting period for which the EP was the receiving party of the transition.
- NUMERATOR: Number of transitions of care in the denominator where medication reconciliation was performed.
- EXCLUSION: If an EP was not on the receiving end of any transition of care during the EHR reporting period they would be 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 50 percent in order for an EP to meet this measure.

Additional Information

- Only patients whose records are maintained using certified EHR technology should be included in the denominator for transitions of care.
- In the case of reconciliation following transition of care, the receiving EP should conduct the medication reconciliation.
- The measure of this objective does not dictate what information must be included in medication reconciliation. Information included in the process of medication reconciliation is appropriately determined by the provider and patient.

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***
- 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	
§170.302(j) Medication reconciliation	Enable a user to electronically compare two or more medication lists.
§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