

# Clinical Quality Measures for CMS's 2014 EHR Incentive Program for Eligible Professionals: Updated Release Notes

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## Release Notes

CMS recognizes the importance of providing support, training, and information to MU stakeholders, particularly as the EHR Incentive Programs transition to MU2. The purpose of this document is to inform eligible providers and the vendor community about updated program requirements related to the CQMs from the October 25, 2012, posting. CMS has implemented technical corrections to 11 of the measures for the 2014 program year, documented below. Each updated measure is identified as version 2, or CMS###v2; measures that have not been updated will retain their version 1 designation. These updated measure specifications will be used for certification for 2014.

In addition, the supplemental guidance for CMS179v1 has been updated and is included in the documentation for this measure.

This document is intended for readers who are familiar with eMeasure components and the current standards for constructing an eMeasure. For more information on eMeasures, please visit the CMS website (<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/ClinicalQualityMeasures.html>) and download the Guide for Reading the EHR Incentive Program EP Measures.

## Technical Release Notes for 2014 Eligible Professional CQMs

CMSID # NQF#	Measure Title	Date of Update	Section Updated	Changes Made to the Measure
CMS2v2 NQF0418	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan	12/21/2012	Logic	<p>The QRDA template in the XML file has been updated; the generic attribute birth date has changed to Patient Characteristic Birth date.</p> <p>The value set name in the adult portion of the numerator has been corrected. The logic incorrectly identified a value set for Adolescent Depression Screening; this was corrected to Adult Depression Screening.</p>
CMS61v2 No NQF#	Preventive Care and Screening: Cholesterol – Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Test Performed	12/21/2012	Logic	<p>The QRDA template in the XML file has been updated; the generic attribute for gender has changed to Patient Characteristic Sex.</p> <p>"Encounter, Performed..." for all IPPs changed to non-specific occurrence (removed Occurrence A).</p> <p>In denominator 1, revised reference event for Diagnosis, Active from Occurrence A of Encounter, Performed: Cholesterol Measure Encounter Codes to Measurement Period.</p> <p>In denominator 2 and 3 the following is added: AND NOT: "Diagnosis, Active: CHD or CHD Risk Equivalent" starts before or during "Measurement Period".</p>
CMS64v2 No NQF#	Preventive Care and Screening: Risk-Stratified Cholesterol – Fasting Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C)	12/21/2012	Logic and Denominator Statement	<p>The QRDA template in the XML file has been updated; the generic attribute for gender has changed to Patient Characteristic Sex.</p> <p>In denominator 1, revised reference event for Diagnosis, Active from Occurrence A of Encounter, Performed: Cholesterol Measure Encounter Codes to Measurement Period.</p> <p>In denominator 2 and 3 the following is added: AND NOT: "Diagnosis, Active: CHD or CHD Risk Equivalent" starts before or during "Measurement Period".</p> <p>Added the following to Denominator 3 (Low Risk): "AND a 10-year Framingham risk &lt;=20%"</p>
CMS65v2 No NQF#	Hypertension: Improvement in Blood Pressure	12/21/2012	Logic	<p>The QRDA template in the XML file has been updated; the generic attribute birth date has changed to Patient Characteristic Birth date.</p>
CMS68v2 NQF0419	Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record	12/21/2012	Logic	<p>The QRDA template in the XML file has been updated; the generic attribute birth date has changed to Patient Characteristic Birth date.</p>
CMS74v2 No NQF#	Primary Caries Prevention Intervention as Offered by Primary Care Providers, including Dentists	12/21/2012	Guidance	<p>The measure logic has been updated to include stratification by age range to ensure alignment with the verbiage in the measure guidance section.</p>
CMS90v2 No NQF#	Functional Status Assessment for Complex Chronic Conditions	12/21/2012	Logic	<p>The QRDA template in the XML file has been updated; the generic attribute birth date has changed to Patient Characteristic Birth date.</p>

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CMS129v2 NQF0389	Prostate Cancer: Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low Risk Prostate Cancer Patients	12/21/2012	Logic and Denominator Exceptions	Deleted the following statement from the denominator exception logic: OR: "Diagnostic Study, Order: Bone Scan (Source: 'Other provider')"  Equally, the header field titled, "Denominator Exceptions", was revised to reflect this logic change.  Added attribute value set Reason Documented to capture documented reason for performing bone scan as an exception.
CMS136v2 NQF0108	ADHD: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication	12/21/2012	Denominator Exclusions 1 and Denominator Exclusions 2	The denominator exclusions did not correctly capture the intent of the measure. The update corrected the exclusions to:  1. An ADHD medication prescribed in the 120 days prior to the index prescription OR 2. A diagnosis of narcolepsy OR 3. An inpatient stay for mental health issues in the initial or continuation period
CMS141v2 NQF0385	Colon Cancer: Chemotherapy for AJCC Stage III Colon Cancer Patients	12/21/2012	Logic	Added the following logic statement to the existing logic found in the Initial Patient Population which together isolates the FIRST [lifetime] AJCC Stage III Colon Cancer diagnosis to the measurement period:  AND: "Occurrence A of Diagnosis, Active: Colon Cancer" starts during measurement period.
CMS166v2 NQF0052	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	12/21/2012	Guidance, Numerator Statement, Numerator	Changed the numerator condition from "AND" to "AND NOT". Revision was made to eliminate external calculation of the reporting rate outside of the measure logic.
CMS179v1 No NQF#	ADE Prevention and Monitoring: Warfarin Time in Therapeutic Range	12/21/2012	Supplemental Documentation	The supplemental SQL logic document entitled "CMS179v1_Supplemental_SQL_Logic_Reference.pdf" has been replaced with a version that contains an actual production SQL script for reference. While this script is not meant to be prescriptive it is provided as a guideline to be used during vendor or user implementation. Providers and EHR system vendors must still adapt this sample code to their local software environments.