

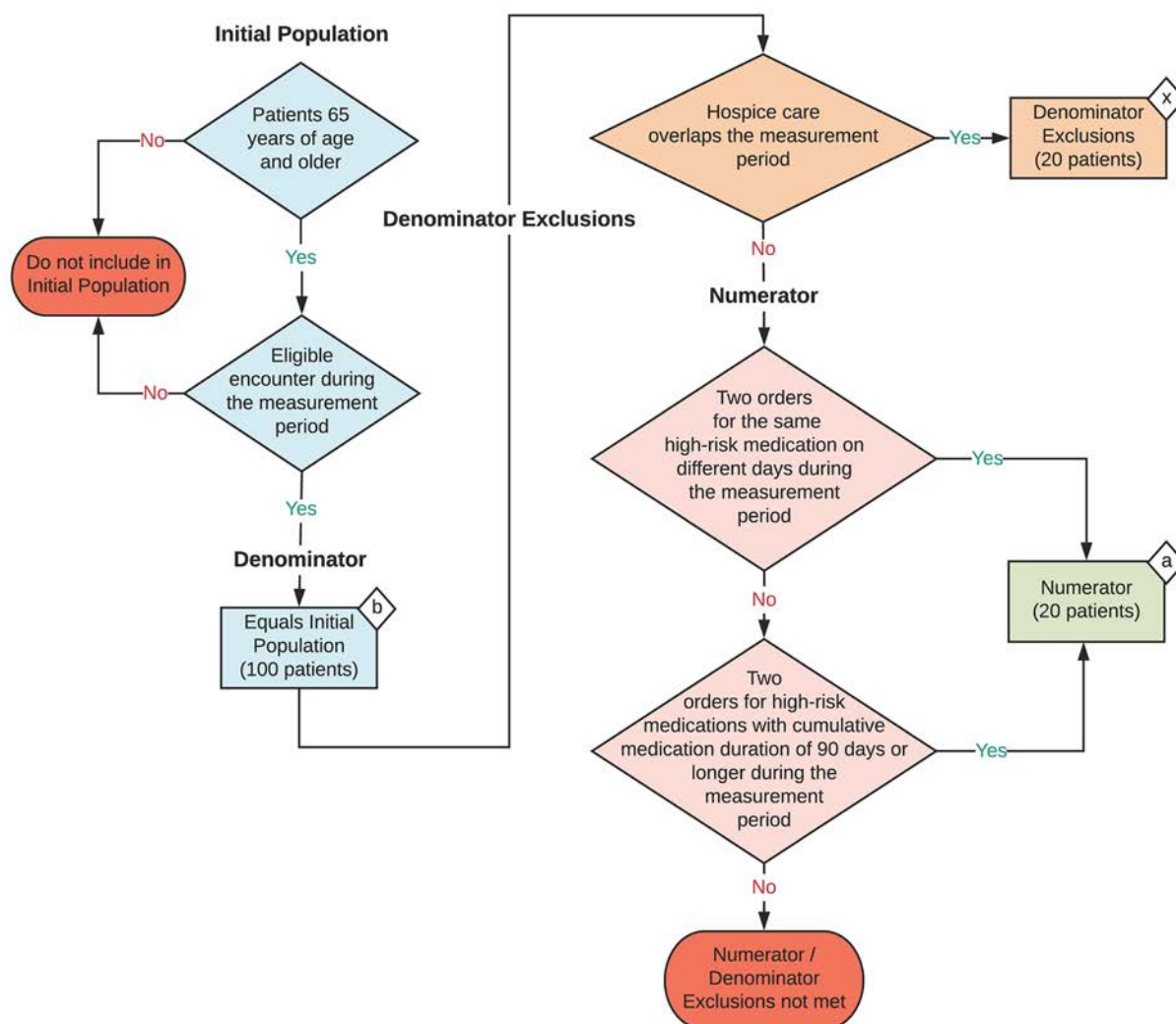
2021 eCQM Flow eCQM Identifier: CMS156v9

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Use of High-Risk Medications in Older Adults

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This eCQM is a patient-based measure



Sample Calculation

Performance Rate** =

Numerator (a = 20 patients)

Denominator (b = 100 patients) - Denominator Exclusions (x = 20 patients)

$$= \frac{20}{80} = 25\%$$

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eCQM Flow Narrative**Initial Population**

Identify the Initial Population, which includes patients 65 years of age and older with an eligible encounter during the measurement period.

Denominator

The Denominator equals the Initial Population. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, Denominator is equal to 100 patients.

Denominator Exclusions

The Denominator Exclusions criteria identify a subset of the Denominator population by excluding patients whose hospice care overlaps the measurement period. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator Exclusions are equal to 20 patients.

Numerator

The Numerator criteria identify a subset of the Denominator population (that did not meet the Denominator Exclusions criteria) by including patients with two orders for the same high-risk medication on different days during the measurement period or two orders for high-risk medications with cumulative medication duration of 90 days or longer during the measurement period. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, Numerator is equal to 20 patients.

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A sample calculation is provided to help determine how the measure performance rate is derived. The measure performance rate is calculated by dividing the Numerator (total equals 20 patients) by the difference between the Denominator (total equals 100 patients) and the Denominator Exclusions (total equals 20 patients), which is equal to a score of 25 percent. A lower score indicates better quality.