

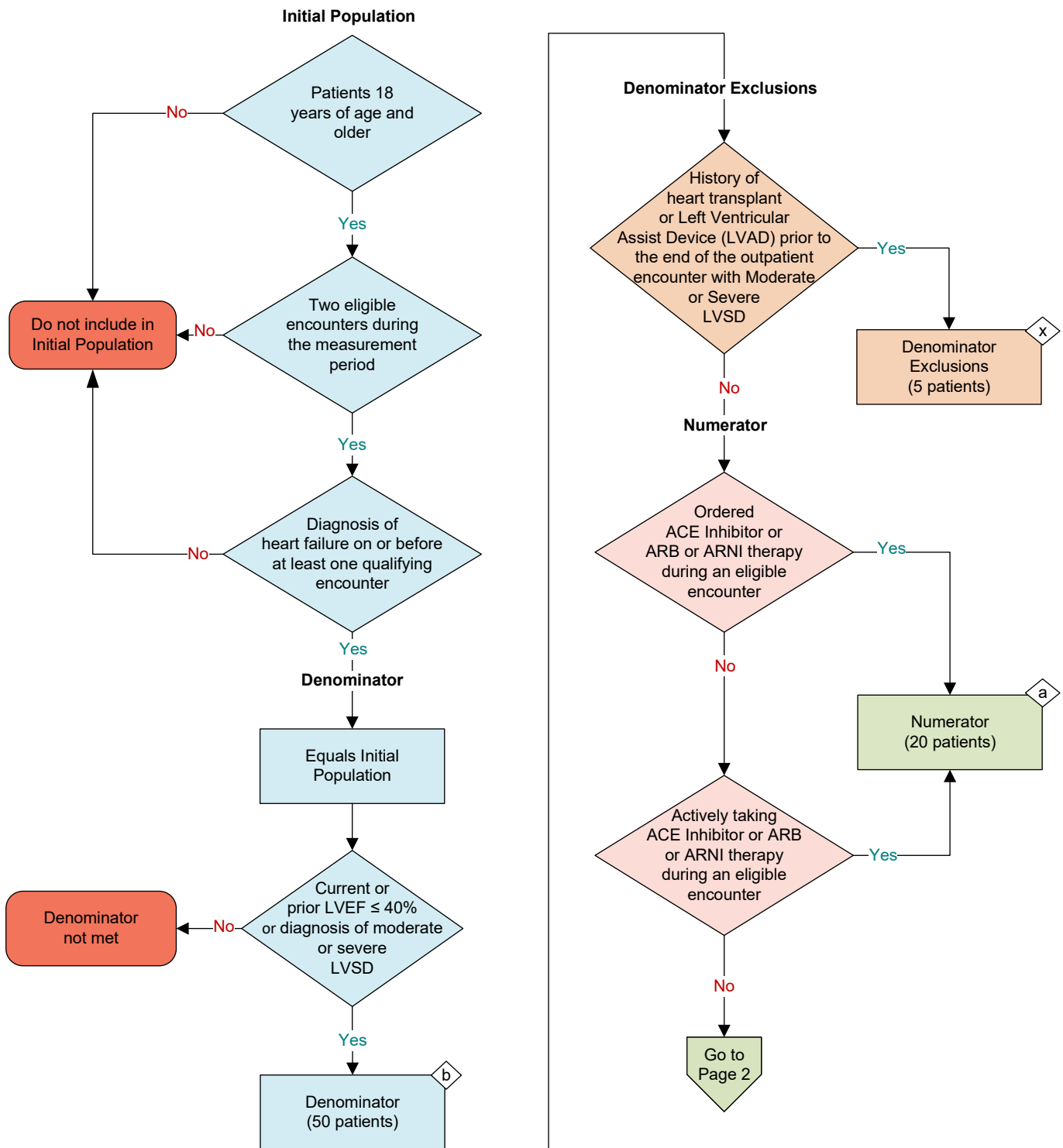
2026 eCQM Flow
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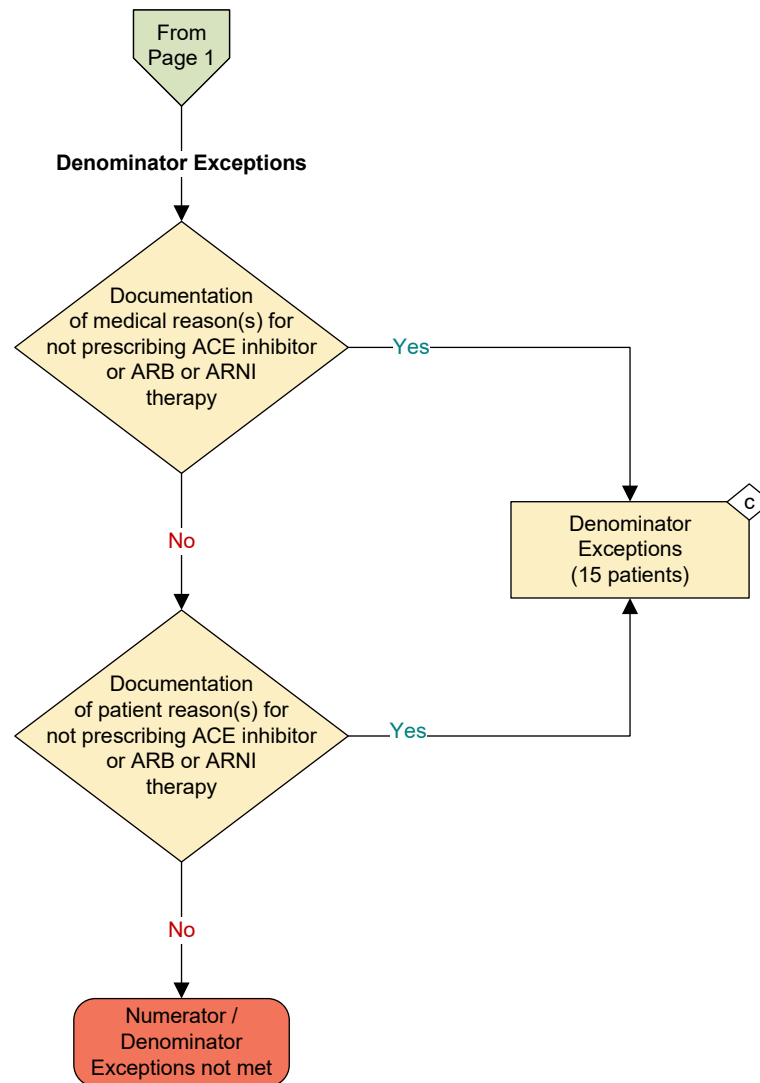
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Sample Calculation

Performance Rate =

$$\frac{\text{Numerator (a = 20 patients)}}{\text{Denominator (b = 50 patients) - Denominator Exclusions (x = 5 patients) - Denominator Exceptions (c = 15 patients)}} = \frac{20}{30} = 67\%$$

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eCQM Flow Narrative

Initial Population

Start by identifying the Initial Population 18 years and older with two eligible encounters during the measurement period and a diagnosis of heart failure on or before at least one eligible encounter. Note that this measure should be reported once per patient.

Denominator

The Denominator criteria further constrain the Initial Population to patients with current or prior moderate or severe LVSD (e.g., LVEF less than or equal to 40 percent or diagnosis of moderate or severe LVSD). In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator is equal to 50 patients.

Denominator Exclusions

The Denominator Exclusions criteria identify a subset of the Denominator population by excluding patients who have a history of heart transplant or a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) prior to the end of the outpatient encounter with Moderate or Severe LVSD. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator Exclusions are equal to 5 patients.

Numerator

The Numerator criteria identify a subset of the Denominator population by including patients who were ordered ACE inhibitor or ARB or ARNI therapy during an eligible encounter or patients who were actively taking ACE inhibitor or ARB or ARNI therapy through the end of an eligible encounter. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Numerator is equal to 20 patients.

Denominator Exceptions

The Denominator Exceptions criteria identify patients from Denominator that did not meet the

Numerator population criteria due to documentation of medical reason(s) or patient reason(s) for not prescribing ACE inhibitor or ARB or ARNI therapy. In the sample calculation provided at the end of the eCQM flow, the Denominator Exceptions are equal to 15 patients.

Sample Calculation

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 50 patients), and the Denominator Exclusions (total equals 5 patients) and the Denominator Exceptions (total equals 15 patients), which is equal to a score of 67 percent.