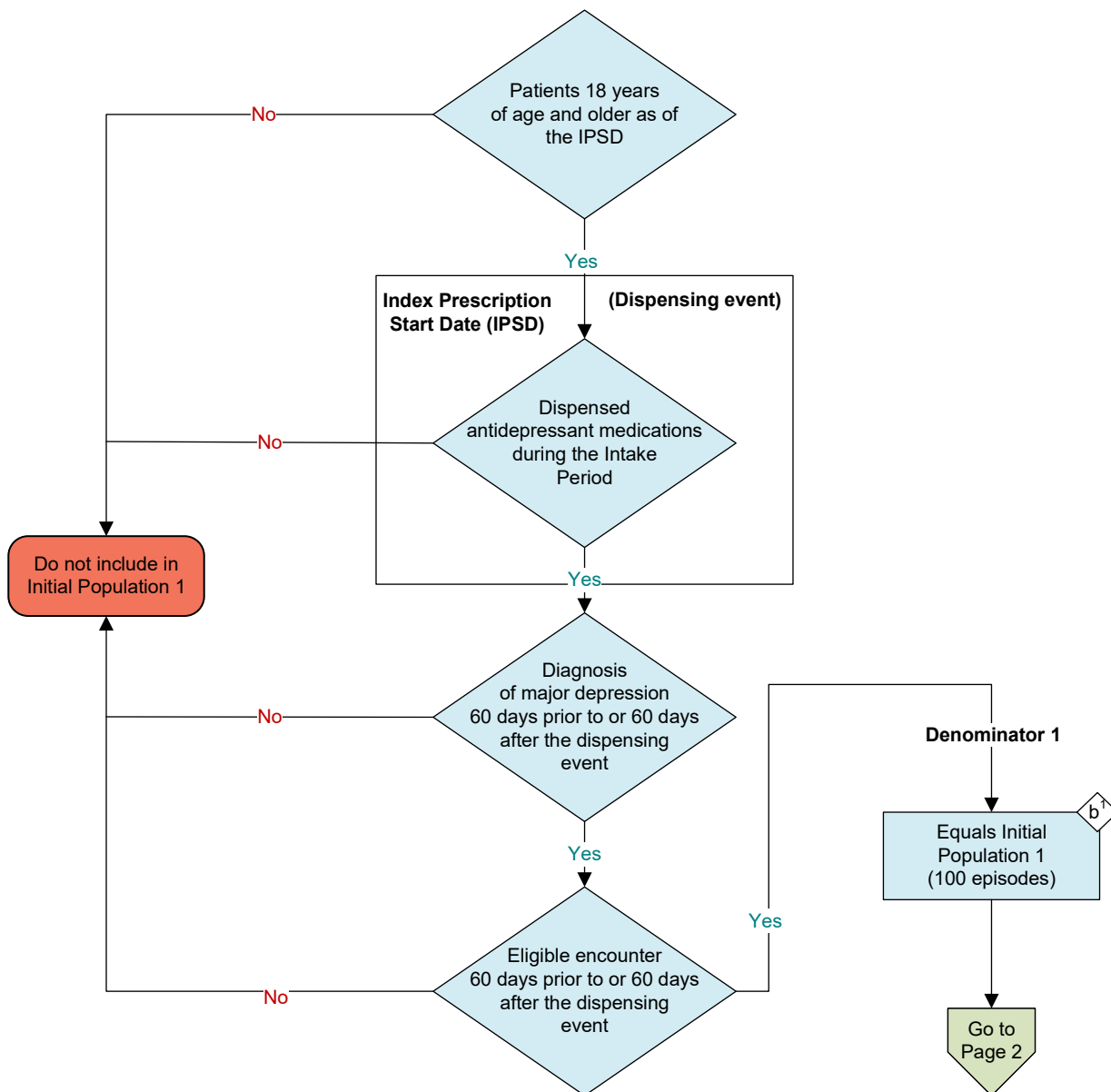**2026 eCQM Flow**
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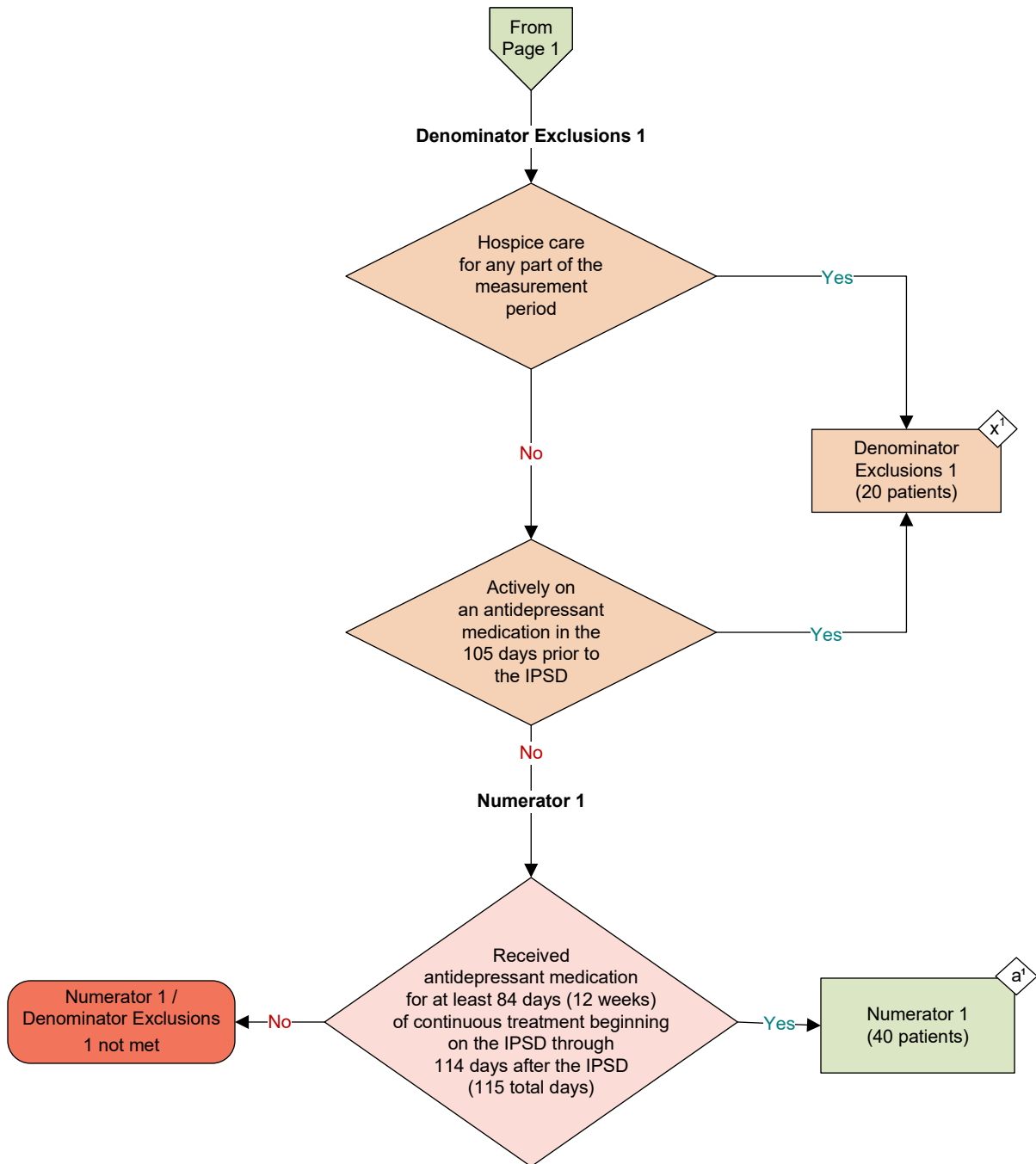
Antidepressant Medication Management

Percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were treated with antidepressant medication, had a diagnosis of major depression, and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment. Two rates are reported.
a. Percentage of patients who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 84 days (12 weeks).
b. Percentage of patients who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 180 days (6 months).

This eCQM is a patient-based measure

Initial Population 1

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Denominator Exclusions 1

Hospice care
for any part of the
measurement
period

Yes

No

Denominator
Exclusions 1
(20 patients)

x^1

Actively on
an antidepressant
medication in the
105 days prior to
the IPSD

Yes

No

Numerator 1

Received
antidepressant medication
for at least 84 days (12 weeks)
of continuous treatment beginning
on the IPSD through
114 days after the IPSD
(115 total days)

No → Numerator 1 /
Denominator Exclusions
1 not met

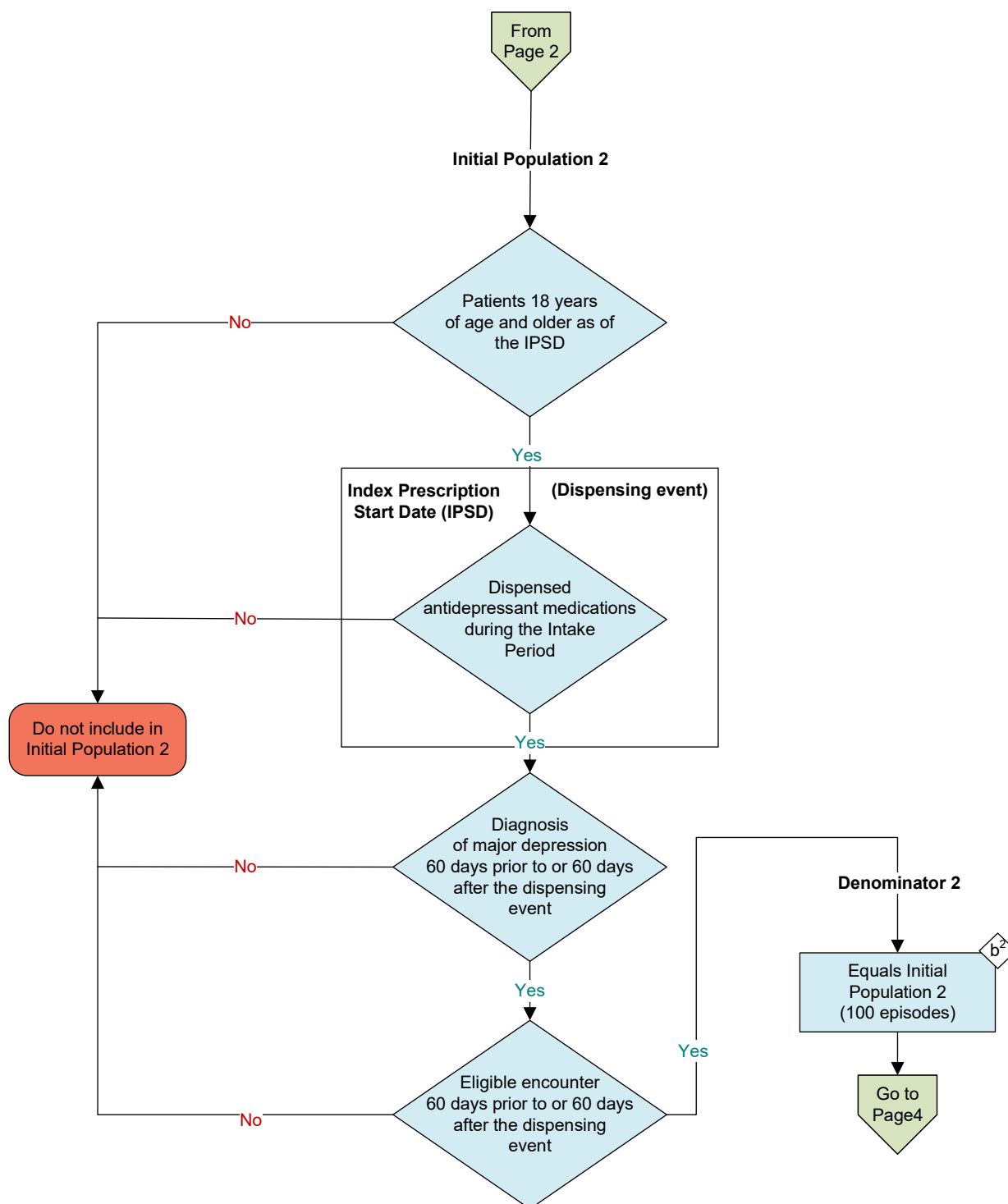Yes → Numerator 1
(40 patients) a^1
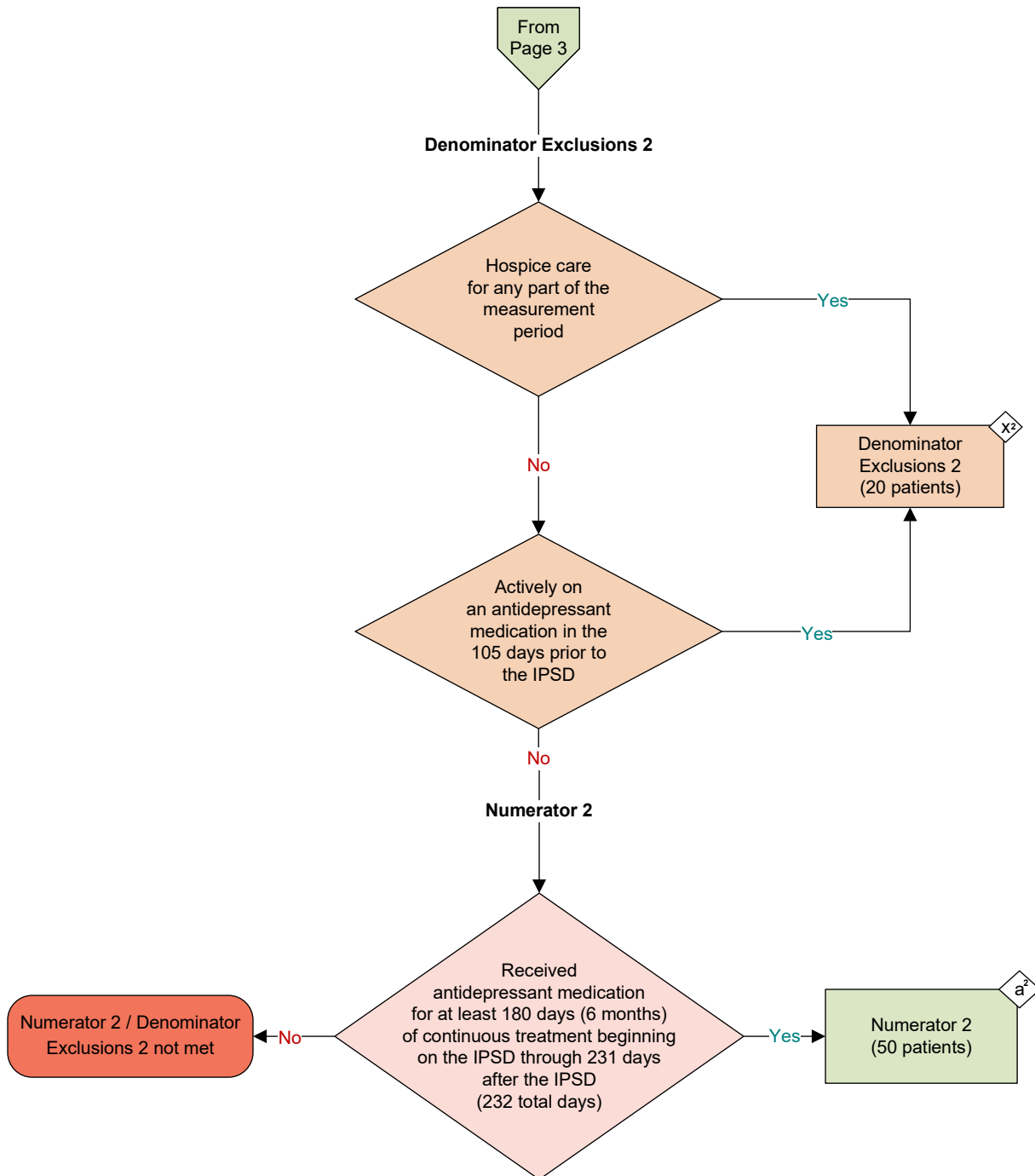
Sample Calculation: Population 1

Performance Rate 1 =

$$\frac{\text{Numerator 1 } (a^1 = 40 \text{ patients})}{\text{Denominator 1 } (b^1 = 100 \text{ patients}) - \text{Denominator Exclusions 1 } (x^1 = 20 \text{ patients})} = \frac{40}{80} = 50\ \%$$

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Initial Population 2

Patients 18 years
of age and older as of
the IPSD

No

Yes

**Index Prescription
Start Date (IPSD)**   **(Dispensing event)**

Dispensed
antidepressant medications
during the Intake
Period

No

Yes

Do not include in
Initial Population 2

Diagnosis
of major depression
60 days prior to or 60 days
after the dispensing
event

No

Yes

Denominator 2

Equals Initial
Population 2
(100 episodes)

b^2

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Eligible encounter
60 days prior to or 60 days
after the dispensing
event

Yes

No

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Denominator Exclusions 2

Hospice care
for any part of the
measurement
period

Yes

No

Denominator
Exclusions 2
(20 patients)

x^2

Actively on
an antidepressant
medication in the
105 days prior to
the IPSD

Yes

No

Numerator 2

Received
antidepressant medication
for at least 180 days (6 months)
of continuous treatment beginning
on the IPSD through 231 days
after the IPSD
(232 total days)

No

Yes

Numerator 2 / Denominator
Exclusions 2 not met

Numerator 2
(50 patients)

a^2

Sample Calculation: Population 2

Performance Rate 2 =

$$\frac{\text{Numerator 2 } (a^2 = 50 \text{ patients})}{\text{Denominator 2 } (b^2 = 100 \text{ patients}) - \text{Denominator Exclusions 2 } (x^2 = 20 \text{ patients})} = \frac{50}{80} = 63\ \%$$

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eCQM Title: Antidepressant Medication Management

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Description: Percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were treated with antidepressant medication, had a diagnosis of major depression, and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment. Two rates are reported.

    a. Percentage of patients who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 84 days (12 weeks).
    b. Percentage of patients who remained on an antidepressant medication for at least 180 days (6 months).

This eCQM is a patient-based measure.

<u>**eCQM Flow Narrative**</u>

Initial Population 1
Start by identifying the Initial Population 1, which includes patients 18 years of age and older as of the Index Prescription Start Date (IPSD) (earliest dispensing event) in which they were dispensed antidepressant medications during the Intake Period, had a diagnosis of major depression 60 days prior to, or 60 days after the dispensing event, and had an eligible encounter 60 days prior to, or 60 days after the dispensing event.

Denominator 1
Denominator 1 equals the Initial Population 1. In the sample calculation for population 1 provided on page 2, Denominator 1 is equal to 100 patients.

Denominator Exclusions 1
The Denominator Exclusions 1 criteria identify a subset of the Denominator 1 population by excluding patients who are in hospice care for any part of the measurement period or patients who were actively on an antidepressant medication in the 105 days prior to the IPSD. In the sample calculation for population 1 provided on page 2, the Denominator Exclusions are equal to 20 patients.

Numerator 1
The Numerator 1 criteria identify a subset of the Denominator 1 population (that did not meet the Denominator Exclusions 1 criteria) by including patients who received antidepressant medication for at least 84 days (12 weeks) of continuous treatment beginning on the IPSD through 114 days after the IPSD (115 total days). In the sample calculation for population 1 provided on page 2, Numerator 1 is equal to 40 patients.

Sample Calculation 1
A sample calculation for population 1 is provided to help determine how the measure performance rate 1 is derived. The measure performance rate 1 is calculated by dividing the Numerator 1 (total equals 40 patients) by the difference between the Denominator 1 (total

equals 100 patients) and the Denominator Exclusions 1 (total equals 20 patients), which is equal to a score of 50 percent.

Initial Population 2

Continue by identifying the Initial Population 2, which includes patients 18 years of age and older as of the Index Prescription Start Date (IPSD) (earliest dispensing event) in which they were dispensed antidepressant medications during the Intake Period, had a diagnosis of major depression 60 days prior to, or 60 days after the dispensing event, and had an eligible encounter 60 days prior to, or 60 days after the dispensing event.

Denominator 2

Denominator 2 equals the Initial Population 2. In the sample calculation for population 2 provided on page 4, Denominator 2 is equal to 100 patients.

Denominator Exclusions 2

The Denominator Exclusions 2 criteria identify a subset of the Denominator 2 population by excluding patients who are in hospice care for any part of the measurement period or patients who were actively on an antidepressant medication in the 105 days prior to the IPSD. In the sample calculation for population 2 provided on page 4, the Denominator Exclusions 2 are equal to 20 patients.

Numerator 2

The Numerator 2 criteria identify a subset of the Denominator 2 population (that did not meet the Denominator Exclusions 2 criteria) by including patients who received antidepressant medications for at least 180 days (6 months) of continuous treatment beginning on the IPSD through 231 days after the IPSD (232 total days). In the sample calculation for population 2 provided on page 4, Numerator 2 is equal to 50 patients.

Sample Calculation: Population 2

A sample calculation for population 2 is provided to help determine how the measure performance rate 2 is derived. The measure performance rate 2 is calculated by dividing the Numerator 2 (total equals 50 patients) by the difference between the Denominator 2 (total equals 100 patients) and the Denominator Exclusions 2 (total equals 20 patients), which is equal to a score of 63 percent.