

Call for eCQM Testing Volunteers

Project Title: *CMS Quality Improvement Opportunity: Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease (Quality ID #438/CMS347)*

Dates:

The Call for eCQM Testing Opportunity period opens on [March 8, 2022](#), and closes on [March 25, 2022](#).

Testing begins on [March 28, 2022](#), and closes on [April 29, 2022](#).

Project Overview:

As part of its measure maintenance process, Mathematica requests interested parties to volunteer to test the Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM). CMS and the Mathematica-convened Expert Work Group (EWG) for the [Quality ID #438/CMS347](#) measure recently supported implementing a fourth measure population to fully align the measure specifications with the 2019 American College of Cardiology (ACC)/American Heart Association (AHA) Guideline on the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease. Specifically, per the 2019 ACC/AHA Guideline, we would define the new fourth population as:

Patients aged 40 to 75 with LDL-C ≥ 70 and < 190 mg/dL, without diabetes mellitus, and with 10-year ASCVD risk of ≥ 20 percent (high risk).

CMS and the EWG also recommended that clinicians only use a Pooled Cohort Equations (PCE) risk assessment tool, as noted in the 2019 ACC/AHA Guideline.

Type of Feedback Requested:

Mathematica is seeking practices to participate in a workflow assessment to help their team learn about processes related to potential changes to the measure. They also are seeking information from practices and vendors on the impact of adding the proposed fourth population to the measure. Mathematica would like test sites to provide aggregate counts of the measure's three existing populations (including counts for each denominator and numerator), as well as the proposed fourth population to understand the relative size of each population. Mathematica will provide practices and EHR vendors with the data elements for the proposed fourth population. If participants are unable to provide exact counts, Mathematica will ask participants to provide estimates in advance of the interview (1-2 hours in duration).

Sponsoring Organization's Primary Contact and Information:

To volunteer or obtain more information, please contact Mathematica's measure lead for this work, David Clayman at dclayman@mathematica-mpr.com.