

Physician Compare 2016 Group Profile Page Measures

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Overview

If your group reported any of the following 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) group-level measures using the designated collection type indicated below, these measures are publicly reported as star ratings on your group's [Physician Compare](#) profile page per the 2016 Physician Fee Schedule final rule (80 FR 71124 through 71129). The publicly reported 2016 PQRS measures are organized under the following categories:

- ✓ [Preventive care: General health](#)
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- ✓ [Diabetes](#)
- ✓ [Heart disease](#)
- ✓ [Respiratory diseases](#)
- ✓ [Behavioral health](#)

In addition, [patient survey scores](#) for the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) for PQRS summary survey measures are publicly reported on Physician Compare in December 2017 per the 2016 Physician Fee Schedule final rule (80 FR 71129). CAHPS for PQRS measures are reported on profile pages as top-box scores.

NOTE: Inverse measures that are published on the public-facing profile pages on Physician Compare are denoted with an asterisk (*) in the Downloadable Database. The performance rates for these measures were reverse-scored, so that a higher score is better to ensure accurate website user interpretation. The plain language descriptions for these inverse measures were written to reflect this reverse scoring.

Preventive care: General health				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
48	Urinary Incontinence: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older	Evaluating loss of bladder control in older women.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group evaluated more women for loss of bladder control (urinary incontinence).</p> <p>Asking about involuntary leakage of urine is important because patients may not volunteer information regarding loss of bladder control.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's female patients ages 65 and older who were evaluated for loss of bladder control.</p>	Registry
110	Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization	Getting a flu shot during flu season.	<p>More stars are better because it means more of this group's patients got a flu shot during flu season (October 1 to March 31) when appropriate.</p> <p>Getting a flu shot during flu season can help prevent the flu and the problems the flu causes.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who could get the flu shot and either got one from a clinician in this group or from someone else during flu season.</p>	Web Interface
111	Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults	Making sure older adults have gotten a pneumonia vaccine.	<p>More stars are better because it means more of this group's older patients got a pneumonia vaccine when appropriate.</p> <p>Pneumonia is a common cause of illness and death in older adults and people with certain health conditions. A pneumonia vaccine helps prevent pneumonia and problems pneumonia causes.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who had ever gotten a pneumonia vaccine.</p>	Web Interface

Preventive care: General health				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
128	Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan	Screening for an unhealthy body weight and developing a follow-up plan.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group checked more patients' weight and created a follow-up plan if their weight was not in the normal range for their body type and height.</p> <p>When patients have a higher or lower than normal weight for their body type and height, they are at risk for certain health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or malnourishment.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who had their weight checked at least once in the last six months. And, if the patient's weight was higher or lower than normal for his or her body type and height, had a follow-up plan documented.</p>	Web Interface

Preventive care: Cancer screening				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
113	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Screening for colorectal (colon or rectum) cancer.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group screened more older patients for colorectal cancer.</p> <p>All patients ages 50 and older should be checked for colorectal cancer.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who were appropriately screened for colorectal cancer using one of three tests (fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy).</p>	Web Interface

Patient safety				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
238.1	Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly	Limiting high-risk medicine use in older adults.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group did not inappropriately give high-risk medicines to older patients.</p> <p>High-risk medicines are medicines that can lead to more health problems and poor outcomes in older adults. Reducing inappropriate medicine use can improve patient safety and save the patient money.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's older patients who were not given a high-risk medicine.</p>	Registry
318	Falls: Screening for Fall Risk	Screening older patients' risk of falling.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group checked more older patients for their risk of falling.</p> <p>Older patients can have a higher risk of falling and seriously injuring themselves. Clinicians can check patients' vision, muscle strength, and balance to determine if they are at risk of falling. If patients know they have a high risk of falling, they can take preventive steps to avoid future falls.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's older patients who were checked for risk of falling.</p>	Web Interface

Care planning				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
47	Care Plan	Older patients who have an advanced care plan or someone to help make medical decisions for them when they can't.	<p>More stars are better because it means more of this group's older patients have an advanced care plan or someone to help make medical decisions for them when they can't.</p> <p>It is important that patients tell a clinician their wishes regarding medical treatment as soon as possible. Having an advanced care plan or someone to help make medical decisions if the patient is unable to means that a clinician can follow a patient's wishes.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who have a care plan or someone to help make medical decisions for them when they can't.</p>	Registry

Diabetes				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
117	Diabetes: Eye Exam	Eye exam for patients with diabetes.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group gave an eye exam to more patients with diabetes.</p> <p>Diabetes is characterized by high blood sugar levels. Untreated diabetes can cause many problems, including eye damage, vision loss, and blindness. Retinal or dilated eye exams are recommended yearly for patients with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients with diabetes who received a retinal or dilated eye exam.</p>	Web Interface

Heart disease				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
6	Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Antiplatelet Therapy	Giving antiplatelet blood thinners to patients with heart disease.	<p>More stars are better because it means more of this group's patients with heart disease got antiplatelet blood thinning medicine when appropriate.</p> <p>Antiplatelet blood thinners prevent cells called platelets from clumping together to form clots. Antiplatelet blood thinners such as aspirin are often used to prevent stroke, heart attack, and other heart problems.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients with heart disease who got antiplatelet blood thinning medicine when appropriate.</p>	Registry

Respiratory diseases				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
51	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Spirometry Evaluation	Spirometry evaluations in patients with COPD.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group documented spirometry evaluations in more patients who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a lung disease that makes breathing hard.</p> <p>Spirometry is a type of test that can evaluate lung function and test how well a person can breathe. Checking the lung function of patients can help diagnose COPD and is important to determine the best treatments for patients with COPD.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients with a diagnosis of COPD who had spirometry results documented in their medical record.</p>	Registry

Behavioral health				
PQRS measure number	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title	Plain language measure description	Collection type
134	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan	Screening for depression and developing a follow-up plan.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group screened more patients for depression and created a follow-up plan for patients with depression.</p> <p>Managing depression can lead to better coping and outcomes for patients.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who were checked for depression and, if they have depression, received a follow-up plan.</p>	Web Interface
226	Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	Screening for tobacco use and providing help quitting when needed.	<p>More stars are better because it means clinicians in this group provided counseling to more patients who used tobacco and encouraged them to quit.</p> <p>Quitting tobacco lowers a patient's chance of getting heart and lung diseases.</p> <p>To give this group a star rating, Medicare looked at the percentage of this group's patients who were asked if they used tobacco at least once in the last two years. If patients were using tobacco, the clinician spoke with them about ways to help them quit using tobacco.</p>	Registry

Patient survey scores		
	Technical measure title	Plain language measure title
321*	<p>CAHPS for PQRS summary survey measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting timely care, appointments, and information. • How well providers communicate. • Health promotion and education. • Patient’s rating of provider. • Courteous and helpful office staff. • Care coordination. • Between visit communication. • Stewardship of patient resources. 	<p>CAHPS for PQRS summary survey measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting timely care, appointments, and information. • How well clinicians communicate. • Health promotion and education. • Patients' rating of clinicians. • Courteous and helpful office staff. • Clinicians working together for your care. • Between visit communication. • Attention to patient medicine cost.

*Collected via Certified Survey Vendor.

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