

**AMBULATORY CARE SENSITIVE CONDITION (ACSC) AND CARE COORDINATION OUTCOME MEASURES  
INCLUDED IN THE 2013 QUALITY AND RESOURCE USE REPORTS**

Measure title and description	Numerator statement	Denominator statement	Exclusions
<p>1 Diabetes ACSC Composite Measure Risk-adjusted rate of hospitalizations for (1) short-term diabetes complications, (2), long-term diabetes complications, (3) uncontrolled diabetes, or (4) diabetes-related lower-extremity amputation, expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) Prevention Quality Indicators, or PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred during calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for any of the following individual PQIs: PQI 01: Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 03: Diabetes Long-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 14: Uncontrolled Diabetes Admission Rate PQI 16: Rate of Lower-Extremity Amputation Diabetes</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred during calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for any of the following individual PQIs: PQI 01: Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 03: Diabetes Long-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 14: Uncontrolled Diabetes Admission Rate PQI 16: Rate of Lower-Extremity Amputation Diabetes The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. For PQI 16, Rate of Lower-Extremity Amputation Diabetes: discharges during which any of the following conditions were diagnosed or procedures performed as identified by ICD-9-CM diagnosis or procedure codes listed by AHRQ for PQI 16 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of traumatic amputation of the lower extremity</li> <li>• Toe amputation procedure</li> </ul>
<p>2 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma ACSC Measure Risk-adjusted rate of COPD or asthma-related hospitalizations of beneficiaries 40 years of age and older, expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries with COPD or asthma attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ's PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred during calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 05: COPD or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges of beneficiaries 40 years of age and older that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 05: COPD or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. Admissions that have an ICD-9 CM diagnosis code for cystic fibrosis and anomalies of the respiratory system in any diagnosis field.</p>

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<p>3 Heart Failure ACSC Measure Risk-adjusted rate of heart failure–related hospitalizations, expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries with chronic heart failure attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ’s PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 08: Heart Failure Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 08: Heart Failure Admission Rate The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. Discharges for a hospitalization during which a cardiac procedure was performed, as identified through ICD-9-CM procedure codes by AHRQ for PQI 08.</p>
<p>4 Chronic Care ACSC Composite Measure Rate of risk-adjusted hospitalizations for the three chronic care ACSC measures (diabetes composite; COPD or asthma; or heart failure), expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes, COPD or asthma, or chronic heart failure attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ’s PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for any of the following individual PQIs: PQI 01: Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 03: Diabetes Long-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 14: Uncontrolled Diabetes Admission Rate PQI 16: Rate of Lower-Extremity Amputation Diabetes PQI 05: COPD or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate PQI 08: Heart Failure Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2012 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for any of the following individual PQIs: PQI 01: Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 03: Diabetes Long-Term Complications Admission Rate PQI 14: Uncontrolled Diabetes Admission Rate PQI 16: Rate of Lower-Extremity Amputation Diabetes PQI 05: COPD or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate PQI 08: Heart Failure Admission Rate The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. Admissions that have an ICD-9 CM diagnosis code for cystic fibrosis and anomalies of the respiratory system for PQI 5: COPD or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate For PQI 16, Rate of Lower-Extremity Amputation Diabetes: Discharges during which any of the following conditions were diagnosed or procedures performed as identified by ICD-9-CM diagnosis or procedure codes listed by AHRQ for PQI 16 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 (1) Diagnosis of traumatic amputation of the lower extremity</li> <li>• (22) Toe amputation procedure</li> </ul> <p>For PQI 08, Heart Failure Admission Rate: Discharges for a hospitalization during which a cardiac procedure was performed, as identified through ICD-9-CM procedure codes by AHRQ for PQI 08.</p>

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<p>5 Bacterial Pneumonia ACSC Measure Risk-adjusted rate of bacterial pneumonia–related hospitalizations, expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries (all) attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ’s PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 11: Bacterial Pneumonia Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 11: Bacterial Pneumonia Admission Rate The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. Hospital discharges for which there was any ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for sickle-cell anemia or HB-S disease, or any ICD-9-CM diagnosis or procedure code for immunocompromised state, as identified by AHRQ for PQI 11.</p>
<p>6 Urinary Tract Infection ACSC Measure Risk-adjusted rate of urinary tract infection–related hospitalizations, expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries (all) attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ’s PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 12: Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 12: Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. Hospital discharges for which there was any ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for kidney/urinary tract disorder or any ICD-9-CM diagnosis or procedure code for immunocompromised state, as identified by AHRQ for PQI 12.</p>
<p>7 Dehydration ACSC Measure Risk-adjusted rate of dehydration–related hospitalizations, expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries (all) attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ’s PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 10: Dehydration Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for the following individual PQI: PQI 10: Dehydration Admission Rate The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility. Hospital discharges for which there was any ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for chronic renal failure, as identified by AHRQ for PQI 10.</p>

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<p>8 Acute Conditions ACSC Composite Measure</p> <p>Rate of risk-adjusted hospitalizations for the three acute condition ACSC measures (dehydration, bacterial pneumonia, or urinary tract infection), expressed as discharges per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries (all) attributed to a physician or group of physicians (based on AHRQ's PQIs)</p>	<p>Number of observed short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for any of the following individual PQIs:</p> <p>PQI 11: Bacterial Pneumonia Admission Rate</p> <p>PQI 12: Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate</p> <p>PQI 10: Dehydration Admission Rate</p>	<p>Number of expected short-term hospital discharges that occurred in calendar year 2013 with ICD-9-CM principal diagnosis codes for any of the following individual PQIs:</p> <p>PQI 11: Bacterial Pneumonia Admission Rate</p> <p>PQI 12: Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate</p> <p>PQI 10: Dehydration Admission Rate</p> <p>The expected discharges account for the age and sex distribution of beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians.</p>	<p>Hospital admissions that are transfers from a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or other health care facility.</p> <p>For PQI 11, Bacterial Pneumonia Admission Rate: Hospital discharges for which there was any ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for sickle-cell anemia or HB-S disease, or any ICD-9-CM diagnosis or procedure code for immunocompromised state, as identified by AHRQ for PQI 11.</p> <p>For PQI 12, Urinary Tract Infection Admission Rate: Hospital discharges for which there was any ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for kidney/urinary tract disorder or any ICD-9-CM diagnosis or procedure code for immunocompromised state, as identified by AHRQ for PQI 12.</p> <p>For PQI 10, Dehydration Admission Rate: Hospital discharges for which there was any ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for chronic renal failure, as identified by AHRQ for PQI 10.</p>

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<p>9 All Cause Inpatient Hospital Readmissions</p> <p>Risk-standardized readmission rate of beneficiaries age 65 or older attributed to physicians and groups of physicians that were hospitalized at a short-stay acute care hospital for any cause and then readmitted to an acute care hospital within 30 days of discharge.</p>	<p>Number of risk-adjusted, unplanned readmissions (i.e., excluding planned readmissions) at a non-federal, short-stay, acute-care or critical access hospital, within 30 days of discharge from the index admission included in the denominator. Risk-adjusted readmissions account for patient-level age and clinical risk factors of the beneficiaries attributed to the physician or group of physicians, and a random intercept.</p>	<p>Number of acute care hospitalizations (index admissions) for beneficiaries age 65 or older at non-federal, short-stay acute-care or critical access hospitals that occurred during calendar year 2013.</p>	<p>Exclude hospitalizations from the denominator for patients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Died during the index admission</li> <li>• Not continuously enrolled in Medicare Part A fee-for-service for at least 30 days following discharge from the index admission</li> <li>• Lacking complete Medicare Part A fee-for-service enrollment history for the 12 months prior to the index admission</li> <li>• Discharged against medical advice</li> <li>• Transferred from the index admission to another acute care hospital</li> <li>• Hospitalized in a prospective payment system-exempt cancer hospital</li> <li>• Hospitalized for medical treatment of cancer</li> <li>• Hospitalized for a primary psychiatric disease</li> <li>• Hospitalized for rehabilitation care and fitting of prostheses and adjustment devices</li> </ul>

Notes: The data source for all measures is Medicare administrative claims. Further information about PQIs may be found at [http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/modules/pqi\\_overview.aspx](http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/modules/pqi_overview.aspx). Specifications are based on the latest PQI version measure specifications available as of the date required to produce the measures.