



**2018 Claims
Measure Specifications
Release Notes**

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**2018 Measure Specifications for
Claims Release Notes**

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2018 Individual Measure Specifications for Claims Release Notes. Measure developers, professional organizations, and other stakeholders have provided comments, clarifications and technical corrections. The list below details changes to existing measures made since the release of the 2017 QPP Measure Specifications. Version 1.0 of the Release Notes corresponds to version 2.0 of the posted 2018 Measure Specifications for Claims data submission method.

Global Edits to Measure Specifications:

- Updated Program Terminology (Quality ID), Submit, Titles and Sample Calculations.

Quality ID #1: Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #12: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Optic Nerve Evaluation

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Numerator Note
- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID#14: Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Dilated Macular Examination

- Added Denominator Note and Numerator Note
- Updated the Description, Definition, Numerator, Clinical Recommendation Statements, Website Links, and Copyright
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244 and 99245
- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: H35.3190, H35.3191, H35.3192, H35.3193, H35.3194
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Numerator Definition
- Added Numerator Option Performance Met **G9890**, Denominator Exception **G9891**, Denominator Exception **G9892**, and Performance Not Met **G9893**
- Deleted Numerator Option Performance Met **2019F**, Denominator Exception **2019F with 1P**, Denominator Exception **2019F with 2P** and Performance Not Met **2019F with 8P**

Quality ID #19: Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Updated the Numerator Note, Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Updated Numerator Option: Performance Not Met (**5010F with 8P**)

Quality ID #21: Perioperative Care: Selection of Prophylactic Antibiotic – First OR Second Generation Cephalosporin

- Updated the Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Added Denominator coding, CPT: 15733, 22510, 22511, 22513, 28291, 33390, 33391, 36902, 36905, 37246, 37248, 49405, 49406, 49407

- Deleted Denominator coding, CPT: 15732, 28293, 33400, 33401, 33403, 35460, 37247, 37249, 34800, 34802, 34803, 34804, 34805, 34825, 34900

Quality ID #23: Perioperative Care: Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis (When Indicated in ALL Patients)

- Updated Copyright
- Added Denominator coding, CPT: 36902, 36905, 37246, 49405, 49406, 49407
- Deleted Denominator coding, CPT: 34800, 34802, 34803, 34804, 34805, 34825, 34900, 37247

Quality ID #24: Communication with the Physician or Other Clinician Managing On-going Care Post-Fracture for Men and Women Aged 50 Years and Older

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #32: Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy

- Retired by Measure Owner

Quality ID #39: Screening for Osteoporosis for Women Aged 65-85 Years of Age

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #46: Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge

- Updated Description, Denominator, Definition and Copyright

Quality ID #47: Care Plan

- Updated Title, Numerator Note and Copyright

Quality ID #48: Urinary Incontinence: Assessment of Presence or Absence of Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #50: Urinary Incontinence: Plan of Care for Urinary Incontinence in Women Aged 65 Years and Older

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #51: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Spirometry Evaluation

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Numerator Note
- Updated Rationale

Quality ID#52: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Long-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilator Therapy

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Updated Definition
- Added Numerator Note

Quality ID #76: Prevention of Central Venous Catheter (CVC) - Related Bloodstream Infections

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #91: Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Topical Therapy

- Updated the Instructions, Denominator, and Copyright
- Added Denominator Note and Numerator Note
- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: H60.8X3
- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: H60.00, H60.01, H60.02, H60.03, H60.10, H60.11, H60.12, H60.13, H61.90, H61.91, H61.92, H61.93, H62.8x1, H62.8x2, H62.8x3 and H62.8x9
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02

Quality ID #93: Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

- Updated the Instructions and Copyright.
- Added Denominator Note and Numerator Note
- Added Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: H60.8X3
- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: H60.00, H60.01, H60.02, H60.03, H60.10, H60.11, H60.12, H60.13, H60.311, H60.312, H60.313, H60.319, H60.321, H60.322, H60.323, H60.329, H61.90, H61.91, H61.92, H61.93, H62.8x1, H62.8x2, H62.8x3 and H62.8x9
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exception **4131F with 1P**

Quality ID #99: Breast Cancer Resection Pathology Reporting: pT Category (Primary Tumor) and pN Category (Regional Lymph Nodes) with Histologic Grade

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #100: Colorectal Cancer Resection Pathology Reporting: pT Category (Primary Tumor) and pN Category (Regional Lymph Nodes) with Histologic Grade

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #109: Osteoarthritis (OA): Function and Pain Assessment

- Updated the Instructions, Numerator Note, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Added Acceptable Pain Assessments

Quality ID #110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Numerator Note.
- Updated Numerator Instructions, Rationale, Clinical Recommendations Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #111: Pneumococcal Vaccination Status for Older Adults

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #112: Breast Cancer Screening

- Updated Instructions, Denominator Note and Copyright
- Added Denominator Submission Criteria Denominator Exclusion **G9898**, Performance Met **G9899** and Performance Not Met **G9900**
- Updated Numerator Options: Performance Met **3014F** and Performance Not Met **3014 F with 8P**

Quality ID #113: Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Updated Measure Submission, Numerator and Copyright
- Added new Denominator Criteria Denominator Exclusion **G9901**

Quality ID #117: Diabetes: Eye Exam

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #128: Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan

- Updated Description, Instructions, Definitions, Numerator Statement , Numerator Instructions Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Added Denominator Note
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396, 99397
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 98960
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exception **G9716** and Denominator Exclusion **G8938**

Quality ID #130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record

- Updated the Description, Numerator Statement, Definitions, Numerator Note, Rationale and Copyright
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPCS: 59400, 59510, 59610, 59618, 97127, 99024, 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396 and 99397
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exception **G8430**
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 97532

Quality ID #131: Pain Assessment and Follow-Up

- Updated the Definitions, Follow Up Plan, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statement and Copyright
- Added Denominator Note
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 97127 99221, 99222, 99223, 99234, 99235, 99236, 99238, 99239, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 993334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349 and 99350
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 97532
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exceptions **G8442** and **G8939**

Quality ID #134: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

- Updated the Instructions, Denominator, Denominator Criteria, Denominator Note, Numerator Instructions, Definitions, Follow Up Plan, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT or HCPC:59400, 59510, 59610, 59618, G0502, G0503, G0504, G0505, G0507, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397,
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exclusions **G9717** and Denominator Exception **G8433**,

Quality ID #140: Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): Counseling on Antioxidant Supplement

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244 and 99245
- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: H35.3190, H35.3191, H35.3192, H35.3193, H35.3194

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added References to AREDS 2 formulation
- Added Denominator Note

Quality ID #141: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma (POAG): Reduction of Intraocular Pressure (IOP) by 15% OR Documentation of a Plan of Care

- Updated Numerator Instructions and Copyright
- Added Denominator Note
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244 and 99245
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02

Quality ID #145: Radiology: Exposure Dose or Time Reported for Procedures Using Fluoroscopy

- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 0254T
- Deleted Denominator Coding, CPT: 71023, 71034, 75658, 75952, 75953, 75954 and 75984, 75809
- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #146: Radiology: Inappropriate Use of “Probably Benign” Assessment Category in Screening Mammograms

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #147: Nuclear Medicine: Correlation with Existing Imaging Studies for All Patients Undergoing Bone Scintigraphy

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #154: Falls: Risk Assessment

- Updated Measure Type, Instructions and Copyright

Quality ID #155: Falls: Plan of Care

- Updated Measure Type, Instructions, Denominator, Numerator Definition, Clinical Recommendation Statement and Copyright

Quality ID #156: Oncology: Radiation Dose Limits to Normal Tissues

- No significant changes

Quality ID #181: Elder Maltreatment Screen and Follow-Up Plan

- Updated Definitions, Updated Numerator Note and Rationale

- Added Denominator coding, CPT, HCPCS: G0502, G0505
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exceptions **G8535** and **G8941**
- Added websites to resources

Quality ID #182: Functional Outcome Assessment

- Updated Definitions, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Added Denominator coding CPT: 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214 and 99215
- Updated Numerator Options: Denominator Exceptions **G8540** and **G9227**

Quality ID #185: Colonoscopy Interval for Patients with a History of Adenomatous Polyps – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

- No significant changes

Quality ID #195: Radiology: Stenosis Measurement in Carotid Imaging Reports

- Updated Note and Copyright

Quality ID #204: Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic

- Deleted Denominator coding, ICD-10-CM: I24.1, I63.00, I63.011, I63.012, I63.019, I63.02, I63.031, I63.032, I63.039, I63.09, I63.10, I63.111, I63.112, I63.119, I63.12, I63.131, I63.132, I63.139, I63.19, I63.30, I63.311, I63.312, I63.319, I63.321, I63.322, I63.329, I63.331, I63.332, I63.339, I63.341, I63.342, I63.349, I63.39, I63.40, I63.411, I63.412, I63.419, I63.421, I63.422
- Updated Title, Numerator Instructions and Copyright

Quality ID #225: Radiology: Reminder System for Screening Mammograms

- Updated Copyright and Numerator Instructions

Quality ID #226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention

- Updated Description, Instructions, Definitions and Copyright.
- Update Analytics and Submission Criteria from One Submission Criteria to Three Submission Criteria
- Updated Denominator Criteria for Submission Criteria One Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Deleted Denominator Coding for Submission Criteria One, CPT: 99406 and 99407

- Updated Submission Criteria One: Deleted Numerator Options: Performance Met **4004F**, Performance Met **1036F**, Denominator Exception **4004F with 1P** and Performance Not Met **4004F with 8P**
- Updated Submission Criteria One: Added Numerator Options: Performance Met **G9902**, Performance Met **G9903**, Denominator Exception **G9904**, and Performance Not **G9905**
- Added Submission Criteria Two included Denominator Criteria, Numerator Notes, Added Numerator Options: Performance Met **G9906**, Denominator Exception **G9909** and Performance Not **G9908**
- Added Denominator Criteria for Submission Criteria Two and Three to include Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Submission Criteria Three: Denominator Criteria, Numerator Options: Performance Met **4004F**, Performance Met **1036F**, Denominator Exception **4004F with 1P**, Denominator Exception **G9909** and Performance Not Met **4004F with 8P**

Quality ID #236: Controlling High Blood Pressure

- Updated Note, Measure Submission and Copyright
- Updated Denominator Criteria Denominator Exclusions **G9910**

Quality ID #249: Barrett's Esophagus

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #250: Radical Prostatectomy Pathology Reporting

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #251: Quantitative Immunohistochemical (IHC) Evaluation of Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 Testing (HER2) for Breast Cancer Patients

- Updated Copyright and Updated Clinical Recommendation Statement

Quality ID #254: Ultrasound Determination of Pregnancy Location for Pregnant Patients with Abdominal Pain

- Updated Numerator Option: Performance Not Met **G8808**
- Deleted NQF 0651 from Title
- Deleted Denominator Coding ICD10-CM: O44.10, O44.11
- Added Denominator Coding ICD10-CM: O44.30, O44.31, O44.50, O44.51

Quality ID #255: Rh Immunoglobulin (Rhogam) for Rh-Negative Pregnant Women at Risk of Fetal Blood Exposure

- Added Denominator Coding ICD10-CM: O00.80, O00.81, O00.90, O00.91, O44.30, O44.31, O44.50, O44.51
- Deleted Denominator Coding ICD10-CM: O00.8, O00.9, O44.10, O44.11

Quality ID#261: Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with Acute or Chronic Dizziness

- Updated Numerator Note

Quality ID #268: Epilepsy: Counseling for Women of Childbearing Potential with Epilepsy

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Numerator Note
- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #317: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented

- Updated the Instructions, Numerator Note and Copyright,
- Added Denominator coding, CPT: 99385, 99386, 99387, 99395, 99396 and 99397
- Deleted Denominator coding, CPT: 90832, 90834, 90837, 90839, 90845, 90880 and 96118
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Added Denominator Note
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exclusion **G9744** and Denominator Exception **G9745**

Quality ID #320: Appropriate Follow-Up Interval for Normal Colonoscopy in Average Risk Patients

- No significant changes

Quality ID #326: Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter: Chronic Anticoagulation Therapy

- Updated Description, Denominator, Numerator, Numerator Definition, Rationale, Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02
- Deleted Denominator Criterion One or more high risk factors for thromboembolism OR more than one moderate risk factor for thromboembolism: **G8972**
- Deleted Table 1
- Added Numerator Note
- Added Numerator Options:- Denominator Exclusion: **G9929**, Denominator Exclusion: **G9930**, Denominator Exclusion: **G9931**, Denominator Exception **G9927** and Performance Not Met (**G9928**)

- Updated Numerator Options:- Performance Met **G8967**, Denominator Exception **G8968**, Denominator Exception **G8969** and Performance Not Met **G8971**
- Deleted Numerator Option: Performance Not Met (**G8971**)

Quality ID#395: Lung Cancer Reporting (Biopsy/Cytology Specimens)

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #396: Lung Cancer Reporting (Resection Specimens)

- Updated Clinical Recommendation Statements and Copyright

Quality ID #397: Melanoma Reporting

- Updated Copyright and Rationale

Quality ID #405: Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Abdominal Lesions

- No significant changes

Quality ID #406: Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Thyroid Nodules in Patients

- No significant changes

Quality ID #407: Appropriate Treatment of Methicillin-Sensitive Staphylococcus Aureus (MSSA) Bacteremia

- Update Copyright

Quality ID #410: Psoriasis: Clinical Response to Oral Systemic or Biologic Medications

- Updated wording from psoriasis to psoriasis vulgaris throughout measure specification
- Updated Denominator Note and Rationale
- Updated Denominator Criteria Diagnosis to : **Diagnosis for psoriasis vulgaris (ICD-10-CM) · L40.0**
- Added Denominator Coding, CPT: 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244 and 99245
- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02 ·
- Updated Numerator Criteria to: Patient has been treated with an oral systemic or biologic medication for psoriasis vulgaris: **G9764**
- Added Numerator Note
- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exception **G9765**

Quality ID #415: Emergency Medicine: Emergency Department Utilization of CT for Minor Blunt Head Trauma for Patients Aged 18 Years and Older

- Deleted Numerator Instructions
- Updated Numerator Coding Option and Copyright
- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: S06.0X2A, S06.0X3A and S06.0X4A

Quality ID #416: Emergency Medicine: Emergency Department Utilization of CT for Minor Blunt Head Trauma for Patients Aged 2 Through 17 Years

- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: S06.0X2A, S06.0X3A and S06.0X4A
- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #418: Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture

- Updated Instructions, Note, Measure Submission, Denominator, Clinical Recommendation Statements, and Copyright
- Added Option 1 and Option 2 Denominator Criteria Denominator Exclusion: **G9938**
- Added Numerator Note and Numerator Definition

Quality ID #419: Overuse Of Neuroimaging For Patients With Primary Headache And A Normal Neurological Examination

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02

Quality ID #422: Performing Cystoscopy at the Time of Hysterectomy for Pelvic Organ Prolapse to Detect Lower Urinary Tract Injury

- Updated Numerator Option: Denominator Exception **G9607**
- Deleted Denominator Coding, ICD-10-CM: N81.5, N81.6, N81.82, N81.83 and N81.84.
- Updated Copyright

Quality Id #423: Perioperative Anti-Platelet Therapy for Patients Undergoing Carotid Endarterectomy

- No Significant Changes

Quality Id #425: Photodocumentation of Cecal Intubation

- No Significant Changes

Quality Id #429: Pelvic Organ Prolapse: Preoperative Screening for Uterine Malignancy

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID#435: Quality of Life Assessment For Patients With Primary Headache Disorders

- Updated Denominator Criteria Telehealth Modifiers to include 95 and POS 02

- Updated Numerator Note.

Quality ID #436: Radiation Consideration for Adult CT: Utilization of Dose Lowering Techniques

- Updated Copyright

Quality ID #437: Rate of Surgical Conversion from Lower Extremity Endovascular Revascularization Procedure

- No significant changes