

2009 PQRI Measures Groups Specifications Manual Release Notes

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2009 PQRI Measures Groups Specifications Manual Release Notes. The list below details the list of changes made since the release of the 2008 PQRI Measures Groups Handbook.

Global Changes:

- Deleted from Document Title, "Claims-Based" and changed "Handbook" to "Specifications Manual"
- Updated the Introduction and Overview for each measures group to reflect the 2009 reporting options for Measures Groups both claims-based submission and registry-based submission information.

Diabetes Mellitus Measures Group:

- Updated Measure Titles
- Added to Common Denominator Coding, diagnosis codes 357.2, 362.01, 362.02, 362.03, 362.04, 362.05, 362.06, 362.07, 366.41
- Added to Common Denominator Coding, CPT codes 97802, 97803, 97804, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, G0270, G0271
- Added to Overview for Numerator Coding, G-code G8494: All quality actions for the applicable measures in the Diabetes Mellitus Measures Group have been performed for this patient
- Updated Numerator Instruction in Measure #1
- In Numerator Coding for Measure #119, replaced CPT II code 4009F with G8506: Patient receiving angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy
- Added to Measures Group, Measure #163: Diabetes Mellitus: Foot Exam

ESRD Measures Group:

- *RETIRED from PQRI Measures Groups effective January 1, 2009. The ESRD Measures Group for the 2008 PQRI is not being proposed for 2009 because one of the measures in the group is no longer NQF-endorsed and there are no other ESRD measures proposed for the 2009 PQRI that could be added to this group.*

CKD Measures Group:

- Added to Overview for Numerator Coding, G-code G8495: All quality actions for the applicable measures in the CKD Measures Group have been performed for this patient
- Deleted from Measures Group, Measure #120: ACE Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy in Patients with CKD. Analysis of the 2007 PQRI results revealed that the measure requires multiple diagnosis codes which is inconsistent with the other measures in the CKD Measures Group
- Added to Measures Group, Measure #135: Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): Influenza Immunization and Measure #153: Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): Referral for Arteriovenous (AV) Fistula

Preventive Care Measures Group:

- Updated Measure Titles
- Added to Overview for Numerator Coding, G-code G8496: All quality actions for the applicable measures in the Preventive Care Measures Group have been performed for this patient
- Deleted from Numerator Coding for Measure #115, G-codes G8402, G8403
- Added to Numerator Coding for Measure #115, CPT II code 4000F: Tobacco use cessation intervention, counseling and CPT II code 4001F: Tobacco use cessation intervention, pharmacologic therapy

- In Numerator Coding for Measure #115, updated G-code description for G8457
- Updated Description and Numerator Statement for Measure #128
- Added Definition for "Terminal Illness" for Measure #128
- Updated Definition for "Not Eligible for BMI Measurement" for Measure #128
- In Numerator Coding for Measure #128, updated G-code descriptions for G8417, G8418, G8419, G8420