



Eligible Professional Meaningful Use Menu Set Measures Measure 4 of 10

Stage 1

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Patient Reminders	
Objective	Send reminders to patients per patient preference for preventive/follow-up care.
Measure	More than 20 percent of all patients 65 years or older or 5 years old or younger were sent an appropriate reminder during the EHR reporting period.
Exclusion	An EP who has no patients 65 years old or older or 5 years old or younger with records maintained using certified EHR technology.

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Definition of Terms

Unique Patient – If a patient is seen by an EP more than once during the EHR reporting period, then for purposes of measurement that patient is only counted once in the denominator for the measure. All the measures relying on the term “unique patient” relate to what is contained in the patient’s medical record. Not all of this information will need to be updated or even be needed by the provider at every patient encounter. This is especially true for patients whose encounter frequency is such that they would see the same provider multiple times in the same EHR reporting period.

Attestation Requirements

NUMERATOR / DENOMINATOR / EXCLUSION

- DENOMINATOR: Number of unique patients 65 years old or older or 5 years old or younger.
- NUMERATOR: Number of patients in the denominator who were sent the appropriate reminder.
- EXCLUSION: If an EP has no patients 65 years old or older or 5 years old or younger with records maintained using certified EHR technology that EP is excluded from this requirement. EPs must select NO next to the appropriate exclusion, then click the APPLY button in order to attest to the exclusion.

The resulting percentage (Numerator ÷ Denominator) must be more than 20 percent in order for an EP to meet this measure.

Additional Information

- The provider is permitted, but not required, to limit the measure of this objective to those patients whose records are maintained using certified EHR technology.
- EPs meet the aspect of “per patient preference” of this objective if they are accommodating reasonable requests in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as specified at 45 CFR 164.522(b), which is the guidance established for accommodating patient requests.
- EP has the discretion to determine the frequency, means of transmission, and form of the reminder limited only by the requirements the HIPAA Privacy Rule, as specified at 45 CFR 164.522(b), and any other applicable federal, state or local regulations that apply to them.