

## 2026 Star Ratings Measures and Weights

There are three new measures being added beginning with the 2026 Star Ratings - Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes<sup>1</sup>, Improving or Maintaining Physical Health<sup>2</sup>, and Improving or Maintaining Mental Health<sup>2</sup>. The Improving or Maintaining Physical Health and Improving or Maintaining Mental Health measures are returning to the Star Ratings after a substantive specification change and are treated as new measures. They will have a weight of 1 for the 2026 Star Ratings and a weight of 3 beginning with the 2027 Star Ratings.

The weight of Patients' Experience and Complaints, and Measures Capturing Access measures will decrease from 4 to 2 beginning with the 2026 Star Ratings<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Contract Year 2024 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/04/12/2023-07115/medicare-program-contract-year-2024-policy-and-technical-changes-to-the-medicare-advantage-program>

<sup>2</sup> Contract Year 2022 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicaid Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/19/2021-00538/medicare-and-medicare-programs-contract-year-2022-policy-and-technical-changes-to-the-medicare>

Table 1. 2026 Star Ratings Part C Measures and Measure Weights

Measure Name	Weighting Category	Part C Summary and MA-PD Overall Weight
Breast Cancer Screening	Process Measure	1
Colorectal Cancer Screening	Process Measure	1
Annual Flu Vaccine	Process Measure	1
Improving or Maintaining Physical Health	Outcome Measure	1*
Improving or Maintaining Mental Health	Outcome Measure	1*
Monitoring Physical Activity	Process Measure	1
Special Needs Plan (SNP) Care Management	Process Measure	1
Care for Older Adults – Medication Review	Process Measure	1
Care for Older Adults – Pain Assessment	Process Measure	1
Osteoporosis Management in Women who had a Fracture	Process Measure	1
Diabetes Care – Eye Exam	Process Measure	1
Diabetes Care – Blood Sugar Controlled	Intermediate Outcome Measure	3
Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes	Process Measure	1
Controlling Blood Pressure	Intermediate Outcome Measure	3
Reducing the Risk of Falling	Process Measure	1
Improving Bladder Control	Process Measure	1
Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge	Process Measure	1
Plan All-Cause Readmissions	Outcome Measure	3
Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease	Process Measure	1
Transitions of Care	Process Measure	1
Follow-up after Emergency Department Visit for People with Multiple High-Risk Chronic Conditions	Process Measure	1
Getting Needed Care	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Getting Appointments and Care Quickly	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Customer Service	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Rating of Health Care Quality	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Rating of Health Plan	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Care Coordination	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Complaints about the Health Plan	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Members Choosing to Leave the Plan	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Health Plan Quality Improvement	Improvement Measure	5
Plan Makes Timely Decisions about Appeals	Measures Capturing Access	2
Reviewing Appeals Decisions	Measures Capturing Access	2
Call Center – Foreign Language Interpreter and TTY Availability	Measures Capturing Access	2

\*Measure has a weight of 1 for the 2026 Star Ratings because it is considered a new measure.

Table 2. 2026 Star Ratings Part D Measures and Measure Weights

Measure Name	Weighting Category	Part D Summary and MA-PD Overall Weight
Call Center – Foreign Language Interpreter and TTY Availability	Measures Capturing Access	2
Complaints about the Drug Plan	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Members Choosing to Leave the Plan	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Drug Plan Quality Improvement	Improvement Measure	5
Rating of Drug Plan	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
Getting Needed Prescription Drugs	Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure	2
MPF Price Accuracy	Process Measure	1
Medication Adherence for Diabetes Medications	Intermediate Outcome Measure	3
Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS antagonists)	Intermediate Outcome Measure	3
Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins)	Intermediate Outcome Measure	3
MTM Program Completion Rate for CMR	Process Measure	1
Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)	Process Measure	1