



ENHANCING ONCOLOGY
MODEL

ENHANCING ONCOLOGY MODEL (EOM) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY CHANGES NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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Introduction

This communication describes updates that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made to the EOM payment methodology in the area of quality measure scoring.

These design updates will be in effect for episodes initiating on or after January 1, 2025 (i.e., Performance Period 4 and beyond).

Quality Measures Updates

Claims-Based Measures Scoring

EOM-1: Admissions and Emergency Department Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy (OP-35 Respecified)

To ensure that the quality measures used in EOM remain relevant and appropriate, CMS monitors their national trends over time, where applicable. For EOM-1: Admissions and Emergency Department Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy (OP-35 Respecified), national trends in recent years indicate relatively little performance variability, with the performance scores clustered in a single quintile (scores $\leq 17.37\%$). Reducing avoidable acute care utilization remains a model priority; therefore, CMS is retaining EOM-1 as part of the EOM quality measure set but will reduce the maximum points available for EOM-1 from 12 to 9 points, effective starting in PP4 (episodes initiating 1/1/2025-6/30/2025). This point reduction is broadly consistent with the treatment of topped-out measures in other CMS programs such as the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). Table 1 below shows the changes in EOM-1 point structure. Benchmarks for EOM-1 will remain unchanged.

Table 1: Scoring of EOM-1: Admissions and Emergency Department Visits for Patients Receiving Outpatient Chemotherapy (OP-35 Respecified)

Quality Performance Rate	Points Assigned	
	PP1-PP3	PP4 and beyond
$P \leq 17.37\%$	12	9
$17.37\% < P \leq 18.30\%$	9	7
$18.30\% < P \leq 19.12\%$	6	5
$19.12\% < P \leq 20.16\%$	3	3
$P > 20.16\%$	0	0

The decrease in maximum total points for EOM-1 starting in PP4 will translate into a decrease in the total possible quality points that constitute the Aggregate Quality Score (AQS) denominator, as described in Table 2. Please note: due to minimum denominator requirements, the actual AQS denominator for a specific participant may differ from the total possible quality points for a given performance period.

Table 2: Total Maximum Points Possible for EOM Quality Measures

Quality Measure	PP1	PP2-PP3	PP4 and beyond
EOM-1	12	12	9
EOM-2	12	12	12
EOM-3	12	12	12
EOM-4	NA	12	12
EOM-5	NA	12	12
EOM-6	12	12	12
TOTAL POSSIBLE	48	72	69