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Measure	NQF	ACO	Category	Description
Consumer Engagement				
PCMH – CAHPS measure	0005		Consumer Experience	Standardized survey instrument that asks patients to report on their experiences with primary or specialty care received from providers and their staff in ambulatory care settings over the preceding 12 months.
Care Coordination				
Plan all-cause readmission	1768		Claims	For patients 18 years of age and older, the number of acute inpatient stays during the measurement year that were followed by an unplanned acute readmission for any diagnosis within 30 days and the predicted probability of an acute readmission.
Emergency Department Usage per 1000			Claims	The number of ED visits during the measurement year.
Annual monitoring for persistent medications (roll-up)	2371		Claims	Percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who received at least 180 treatment days of ambulatory medication therapy for a select therapeutic agent during the measurement year and at least one therapeutic monitoring event for the therapeutic agent in the measurement year.
Prevention				
Breast cancer screening	2372	20	Claims	Percentage of women 50-74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer.
Cervical cancer screening*	0032		Claims	Percentage of women 21–64 years of age who were screened for cervical cancer using either of the following criteria: 1) Women age 21–64 who had cervical cytology performed every 3 years. 2) Women age 30–64 who had cervical cytology/ human papillomavirus (HPV) co testing performed every 5 years.
Chlamydia screening in women*	0033		Claims	Percentage of women 16–24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.
Colorectal cancer screening*	0034	19	Clinical	Percentage of adults 50- 75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.
Adolescent female immunizations HPV	1959		Claims	Percentage of female adolescents 13 years of age who had three doses of the HPV vaccine by age 13.
Weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity for children/adolescents*	0024		Clinical	Percentage of patients 3- 17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a Primary Care Physician (PCP) or Obstetrician/Gynecologist (OB/GYN) and who had evidence of the following during the measurement year: 1) BMI percentile documentation 2) Counseling for nutrition 3) Counseling for physical activity
Preventative care and screening: BMI screening and follow up*	0421	16	Clinical	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a documented BMI during the current encounter or during the previous six months and when the BMI is outside of normal parameters, a follow-up plan is documented during the encounter or during the previous six months of the encounter. Normal Parameters: Age 65 years and older BMI >= 23 and < 30 Age 18 – 64 years BMI >= 18.5 and < 25
Developmental screening in the first three years of life	1448		Clinical	The percentage of children screened for risk of developmental, behavioral and social delays using a standardized screening tool in the first three years of life. This is a measure of screening in the first three years of life that includes three, age-specific indicators assessing whether children are screened by 12 month, 24 months, and 36 months of age.
Well-child visits in the first 15 months of life	1392		Claims	Percentage of children 15 months old who had the recommended number of well-child visits with a PCP during their first 15 months of life.
Adolescent well-care visits			Claims	Percentage of adolescents ages 12 to 21 that had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.
Tobacco use screening and cessation intervention*	0028	17	Clinical	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use at least once during the two-year measurement period and who received cessation counseling intervention if identified as a tobacco user.

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Prenatal Care & Postpartum care	1517		Clinical	The percentage of deliveries of live births between November 6 of the year prior to the measurement year and November 5 of the measurement year. For these women, the measure assesses the following facets of prenatal and postpartum care: 1) Timeliness of Prenatal Care: The percentage of deliveries that received a prenatal care visit as a member of the organization in the first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment in the organization. 2) Postpartum Care: The percentage of deliveries that had a postpartum visit on or between 21 and 56 days after delivery.
Screening for clinical depression and follow-up plan*	0418	18	Clinical	Percentage of patients aged 12 years and older screened for clinical depression using an age appropriate standardized tool and follow-up plan documented.
Behavioral health screening (pediatric, Medicaid only, custom measure)			Claims	N/A
Acute & Chronic Care				
Medication management for people w/ asthma	1799		Claims	The percentage of patients 5-64 years of age during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and were dispensed appropriate medications that they remained on during the treatment period. Two rates are reported: 1) The percentage of patients who remained on an asthma controller medication for at least 50% of their treatment period. 2) The percentage of patients who remained on an asthma controller medication for at least 75% of their treatment period.
Asthma Medication Ratio	1800		Claims	Percentage of patients 5-64 years of age who were identified as having persistent asthma and had a ratio of controller medications to total asthma medications of 0.50 or greater during the measurement year.
DM: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control (>9%)*	0059	27	Clinical	Percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had hemoglobin A1c > 9.0% during the measurement period.
DM: HbA1c Screening	0057		Claims	Percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who received an HbA1c test during the measurement year.
DM: Diabetes eye exam*	0055	41	Clinical	Percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had an eye exam (retinal) performed.
DM: Diabetes: medical attention for nephropathy*	0062		Claims	Percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who received a nephropathy screening test or had evidence of nephropathy during the measurement year.
HTN: Controlling high blood pressure	0018	28	Clinical	Percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose blood pressure was adequately controlled (<140/90) during the measurement year.
Use of imaging studies for low back pain*	0052		Claims	Percentage of members with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (plain x-ray, MRI, CT scan) within 28 days of the diagnosis.
Avoidance of antibiotic treatment in adults with acute bronchitis	0058		Claims	Percentage of adults 18-64 years of age with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis who were not dispensed an antibiotic prescription.
Appr. treatment for children with upper respiratory infection*	0069		Claims	Percentage of children 3 months to 18 years of age with a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) who were not dispensed an antibiotic medication.
Behavioral Health				
Follow-up care for children prescribed ADHD medication*	0108		Claims	Percentage of children newly prescribed attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication who had at least three follow-up care visits within a 10-month period, one of which is within 30 days of when the first ADHD medication was dispensed
Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (pediatric, Medicaid only, custom measure)			Claims	Percentage of children and adolescents 1 to 17 years of age who had two or more antipsychotic prescriptions and had metabolic testing.
Depression Remission at 12 Twelve Months*	0710	40	Clinical	Percentage of adult patients age 18 and older with major depression or dysthymia and an initial PHQ-9 score > 9 who demonstrate remission at twelve months defined as PHQ-9 score less than 5. This measure applies to both patients with newly diagnosed and existing depression whose current PHQ-9 score indicates a need for treatment.

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Child & Adolescent MDD: Suicide Risk Assessment*	1365		Clinical	Percentage of patient visits aged 6 through 17 years with a diagnosis of major depressive disorder with an assessment for suicide risk.
Unhealthy Alcohol Use – Screening			Clinical	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for unhealthy alcohol use at least once within 24 months using a systematic screening method.

Notes: Measures listed above are still in draft form and have not yet gone for public approval. Final measures are expected to be adopted in January 2016.

* Meaningful Use Stage 2 (EHR Incentive Program).

Sources: <http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov>, www.qualityforum.org, <https://www.pqrspro.com>.