

American Academy of Ophthalmology How to Read a 2020 MIPS Quality Measure

Background: Under the Quality Payment Program, the quality category takes the place of PQRS. The purpose of this guide is to educate ophthalmologists on how to read a quality measure on the AAO website. Quality constitutes 45 percent of your MIPS Final Score.

- I. **Performance Period:** Quality performance period in 2020 is the full calendar year.
- II. **Data Completeness:** In order to have your performance scored on any measure, the clinician must report on at least **70% of all of each measure’s denominator-eligible patients seen during the performance year** (this number is the data completeness numerator for the measure).¹
- III. **Case Minimum:** For any quality measure, at least 20 patients must be included in the denominator.
- IV. **How to Find Quality Measures**
 - A. Visit the [MIPS Quality Reporting](#) page on the Academy website. Here, you will see the full list of 53 MIPS Quality measures that are either *specific* or relevant to ophthalmology.
 - B. These measures can be filtered by subspecialty and by applicable submission types.
 - i. Not all filters are displayed in the snapshot below.
 - ii. Measures can only be submitted via claims by individuals in small practices or group reported by small practices.

Measure Types

- All Topics
- Claims
- Registry
- Registry Web Portal
- EHR
- Group
- Cataract
- Comprehensive
- Cornea
- Glaucoma

Quality Measures for Merit-Based Incentive Payment System

All measures listed on this page have been updated for the 2019 reporting year. **Scoring note:** The quality category contributes 45 percent to your overall 2019 Merit-Based Incentive Payment System score, down from 50 percent in 2018.

For more information on how to read a quality measure specification, see the [Quality Measure Reading Guide](#).

Note: The following measures were removed for 2019 MIPS:

- Measure 18: Diabetic Retinopathy: Documentation of Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy
- Measure 140: AMD: Counselling on Antioxidant Supplement
- Measure 224: Melanoma: Avoidance of Overutilization of Imaging Studies

¹ For example, for the Diabetic Retinopathy measures, the denominator-eligible patients are all patients between the ages of 18 and 75 years with diabetes.

V. How to Read a Measure Once You Find It

Measure 117: Diabetes: Eye Exam

Measure Title

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Views 6964

Date of last update is in black. The red text indicates changes in the measure 2019 measure specification for the 2020 performance year.

Updated January 2020. *Note, 2020 changes are indicated in red.*

Reporting Options:

- IRIS Registry EHR: groups and individuals
- IRIS Registry manual data entry: groups and individuals
- EHR through your vendor (if offered): groups and individuals
- Claims-based reporting: small practices only (group and individual)

Available submission types for the measure

Measure Type: Process

NQS Domain: Effective Clinical Care

Meaningful Measure Area: Management of Chronic Conditions

Patient Characteristics (Denominator Criteria)

Description: Percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes who had one of the following:

- A diagnosis of retinopathy that overlaps the measurement period and a retinal or dilated eye exam by an eye care professional in the measurement period
- No diagnosis of retinopathy overlapping the measurement period and a retinal or dilated eye exam by an eye care professional in the measurement period or the 12 months prior to the measurement period

Numerator Criteria

Measure Classification. A measure can be classified as any of the following:

- Outcome
- Intermediate Outcome
- High Priority, or
- Process

To Which Patients Does the Measure Apply?

i) **Denominator:** Patients 18 - 75 years of age with diabetes with a visit during the measurement period.

There are three criteria for inclusion of a patient into the denominator.

1. **Patient characteristics:** Description located in "Instructions" (see above).
2. **Diagnosis codes (ICD-10-CM):** Codes located in "Diagnosis Codes."
3. **Procedure codes (CPT and HCPCS):** Codes located in "CPT Codes" and "HCPCS Code."

The quality measure also has exclusions for the denominator.

This section goes over the denominator criteria.

The denominator describes the patient population evaluated by the measure.

Diagnosis Codes

CMS has stated that ICD-10 should be coded to the greatest specificity and unspecified codes may be denied. Therefore, the codes listed below with a strikethrough should not be included on your claim or submitted with this quality measure.

E10.10, E10.11, E10.21, E10.22, E10.29, E10.311, E10.319, E10.3211, E10.3212, E10.3213, E10.3219, E10.3291, E10.3292, E10.3293, ~~E10.3299~~, E10.3311, E10.3312, E10.3313, ~~E10.3319~~, E10.3391, E10.3392, E10.3393, ~~E10.3399~~, E10.3411, E10.3412, E10.3413, ~~E10.3419~~, E10.3491, E10.3492, E10.3493, ~~E10.3499~~, E10.3511, E10.3512, E10.3513, ~~E10.3519~~, E10.3521, E10.3522, E10.3523, ~~E10.3529~~, E10.3531, E10.3532, E10.3533, ~~E10.3539~~, E10.3541, E10.3542, E10.3543, ~~E10.3549~~, E10.3551, E10.3552, E10.3553, ~~E10.3559~~, E10.3591, E10.3592, E10.3593, ~~E10.3599~~, E10.36, E10.37X1, E10.37X2, E10.37X3, ~~E10.37X9~~, E10.39, E10.40, E10.41, E10.42, E10.43, E10.44, E10.49, E10.51, E10.52, E10.59, E10.610, E10.618, E10.620, E10.621, E10.622, E10.628, E10.630, E10.638, E10.641, E10.649, E10.65, E10.69, E10.8, E10.9, E11.00, E11.01, E11.21, E11.22, E11.29, E11.311, E11.319, E11.3211, E11.3212, E11.3213, ~~E11.3219~~, E11.3291, E11.3292, E11.3293, ~~E11.3299~~, E11.3311, E11.3312, E11.3313, ~~E11.3319~~, E11.3391, E11.3392, E11.3393, ~~E11.3399~~, E11.3411, E11.3412, E11.3413, ~~E11.3419~~, E11.3491, E11.3492, E11.3493, ~~E11.3499~~, E11.3511, E11.3512, E11.3513, ~~E11.3519~~, E11.3521, E11.3522, E11.3523, ~~E11.3529~~, E11.3531, E11.3532, E11.3533, ~~E11.3539~~, E11.3541, E11.3542, E11.3543, ~~E11.3549~~, E11.3551, E11.3552, E11.3553, ~~E11.3559~~, E11.3591, E11.3592, E11.3593, ~~E11.3599~~, E11.36, E11.37X1, E11.37X2, E11.37X3, ~~E11.37X9~~, E11.39, E11.40, E11.41, E11.42, E11.43, E11.44, E11.49, E11.51, E11.52, E11.59, E11.610, E11.618, E11.620, E11.621, E11.622, E11.628, E11.630, E11.638, E11.641, E11.649, E11.65, E11.69, E11.8, E11.9, E13.00, E13.01, E13.10, E13.11, E13.21, E13.22, E13.29, E13.311, E13.319, E13.3211, E13.3212, E13.3213, ~~E13.3219~~, E13.3291, E13.3292, E13.3293, ~~E13.3299~~, E13.3311, E13.3312, E13.3313, ~~E13.3319~~, E13.3391, E13.3392, E13.3393, ~~E13.3399~~, E13.3411, E13.3412, E13.3413, ~~E13.3419~~, E13.3491, E13.3492, E13.3493, ~~E13.3499~~, E13.3511, E13.3512, E13.3513, ~~E13.3519~~, E13.3521, E13.3522, E13.3523, ~~E13.3529~~, E13.3531, E13.3532, E13.3533, ~~E13.3539~~, E13.3541, E13.3542, E13.3543, ~~E13.3549~~, E13.3551, E13.3552, E13.3553, ~~E13.3559~~, E13.3591, E13.3592, E13.3593, ~~E13.3599~~, E13.36, E13.37X1, E13.37X2, E13.37X3, ~~E13.37X9~~, E13.39, E13.40, E13.41, E13.42, E13.43, E13.44, E13.49, E13.51, E13.52, E13.59, E13.610, E13.618, E13.620, E13.621, E13.622, E13.628, E13.630, E13.638, E13.641, E13.649, E13.65, E13.69, E13.8, E13.9, O24.011, O24.012, O24.013, ~~O24.019~~, O24.02, O24.03, O24.111, O24.113, ~~O24.119~~, O24.12, O24.13, O24.311, O24.312, O24.313, ~~O24.319~~, O24.811, O24.812, O24.813, ~~O24.819~~, O24.82, O24.83

CPT Codes

92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99385*, 99386*, 99387*, 99395*, 99396*, 99397*, ~~G0402~~, G0438, G0439

Denominator Note: *Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for MIPS CQMs.

Note: Some codes have an asterisk (*) next to them. These are for Registry submission only.

The Diagnosis Codes Section lists the ICD-10 codes that help define the patients included in the measure denominator (See "To Which Patients Does This Measure Apply?" above).

Diagnosis Codes

The CPT Codes Section lists the CPT codes that help define the patients included in the measure denominator (See "To Which Patients Does This Measure Apply?" above).

Numerator: The Numerator is based on Quality Data Codes (QDCs) which are organized into one of three categories.

1. **Denominator Exclusion** – Patient is ineligible to be measured. (Patient is Not Included in Numerator, Patient is Not Included in Denominator).
2. **Performance Met** (Patient is Included in Numerator, Patient is Included in Denominator)
3. **Denominator Exception** – Patient is eligible to be measured, but there is a medical reason for not performing the numerator criteria. (Patient is Not Included in Numerator, Patient is Not Included in Denominator).
4. **Performance Not Met** (Patient is Not Included in Numerator, Patient is Included in Denominator).

How to Report the Measure

Claims and IRIS Registry Manual Reporting

Numerator: Patients with an eye screening for diabetic retinal disease. This includes diabetics who had one of the following: A retinal or dilated eye exam by an eye care professional in the measurement period or a negative retinal or diabetic with no diagnosis of retinopathy overlapping the measurement period and a retinal or dilated eye exam by an eye care professional in the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period.

Numerator note: The eye exam must be performed or reviewed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. Alternatively, results may be read by a qualified reading center that operates under the direction of a medical director who is a retinal specialist.

Quality Data Codes

- **Denominator Exclusions (patient ineligible for measure):**
 - G9714:** Patient is using hospice services any time during the measurement period.
Or
 - G2105:** Patient age 66 or older in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long-term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 days during the measurement period.
Or
 - G2106:** Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia (Donepezil, Rivastigimine, Galantamine, Memantine) during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period.
Or
 - G2107:** Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period.
- **Performance met (patient included in numerator and denominator):**
 - G2102** Dilated retinal eye exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed
Or
 - G2103** Seven standard field stereoscopic photos with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed
Or
 - G2104** Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis from seven standard field stereoscopic photos results documented and reviewed
Or
 - 3072F** Low risk for retinopathy (no evidence of retinopathy in the prior year)*

*Note: This code can only be used if the encounter was during the measurement period because it indicates that the patient had "no evidence of retinopathy in the prior year". This code definition indicates results were negative; therefore a result is not required.

- **Performance not met (patient not included in numerator, but included in denominator):**
 - G2102 with 8P or G2103 with 8P or G2104 with 8P**** Dilated eye exam was not performed, reason not otherwise specified

**Note: For Performance Year 2020 reporting, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the American Medical Association have approved the use of the 8P modifier with HCPCS codes to report the Performance Not Met numerator option for Quality ID #117.

This section explains how to satisfy and report the measure for each available submission mechanism.

This section explains how to report your performance without an EHR through Claims and the IRIS Registry Web Portal.

Numerator: describes the outcome or clinical action counted as meeting the measure requirements.

Denominator Exclusion

Performance Met

Performance Not Met

IRIS Registry EHR Reporting

Instructions: Percentage of patients aged 18 – 75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) with and without a diagnosis of retinopathy overlapping the measurement period, who has a retinal or dilated eye exam or a negative retinal exam (no evidence of retinopathy) by an eye care professional.

These are the required elements to be documented at least once a year to meet the measure performance requirements.

- Retinal or dilated eye exam, unless exam showing no retinopathy in previous year

How CMS Scores Your Performance

- If you successfully report a measure for **less than 70 percent** of your patients, you will earn points based on your practice size:
 - Small practices (≤ 15 clinicians) will receive 3 points,
 - Larger practices (> 15 clinicians) will receive 0 points.
- If you successfully report a measure for **at least 70 percent** of your patients, but do not report at least 20 cases, you will receive 3 points.
- If you report this measure for **at least 70 percent** of applicable patients and on **at least 20 patients** during a performance period, you will earn points based on the decile that corresponds to your performance rate. Not all measures offer points for every decile.
- For those reporting this measure using claims or IRIS Registry manual/web portal, there is a 7 point cap.

This section explains how your performance is measured through IRIS Registry-EHR Integration.

These are the general documentation requirements for this measure for those submitting through IRIS-EHR integration.

This section describes the process by which measures are evaluated and how degree of reporting impacts maximum available score.

Performance Met

Data Completeness Numerator – Denominator Exclusion – Denominator Exception

Benchmarks

Decile/Points	EHR (including EHR-IRIS integration)	IRIS Registry web portal (No EHR)	Claims
3	0.6 - 6.83	0.61 - 23.29	3.32 - 25.79
4	6.84 - 21.2	23.3 - 80.68	25.8 - 91.04
5	21.21 - 49.99	80.69 - 97.83	91.05 - 99.99
6	50 - 97.37	97.84 - 99.99	--
7	97.38 - 99.84	100 *Capped at 7 points*	100 *Capped at 7 points*
8	99.85 - 99.99	--	--
9	--	--	--
10	100	--	--

Not included in the measure specifications is the performance calculation.

Measures that are topped out (average score of 95% or greater) for 2 years will have a cap of 7 points out of 10.

Each collection type is scored differently based on your performance. This table shows the number of points per performance range by collection type.