

Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins)

Performance Measure Set: CCO Incentive Metric Medicare Stars Measure

Quality Measurement Type: Structure Process Outcome Patient

Experience Data Type: Claims Chart Documentation eCQM Survey Other

HEDIS Benchmarks National Percentile: 83% (75th), 87% (90th)

Who: Patients aged 18 years and older.

Why: One of the most important ways people with high cholesterol can manage their health is by taking medication as directed. It is important for the patient, doctor, and the health plan to work together to manage the patient’s high cholesterol.

What: Percent of members with at least two prescription fills on unique dates of service for statin medication(s) who fill their prescription often enough to cover 80% or more of the time they are supposed to be taking the medication.

How: This measure is calculated using the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries (see below) with a proportion of days covered (PDC) at 80% or higher for statin cholesterol medication(s) during the measurement period.

The measure is weighted based on the total number of member-years for each Medicare Part D member. For instance, if a member is enrolled for a three-month episode, does not have coverage for a six-month episode, then reenrolled for a three-month episode, they will count as “0.5 member years” in the rate calculation ($3/12 + 3/12 = 6/12$).

Exclusions: Hospice or ESRD diagnosis or dialysis coverage

Statin Medications:

Lovastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, atorvastatin, or rosuvastatin.