
CBE ID

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Title

Falls: Screening, Risk-Assessment, and Plan of Care to Prevent Future Falls

Endorsement Status

Endorsement Removed

E&M Committee Rationale/Justification

Steward no longer seeking endorsement

Is Under Review

No

Previous Endorsement Cycle

Full Year 2015

Removal Date

Wed, 04/16/2025 - 11:23

Initial Endorsement

Mon, 04/30/2007 - 20:00

Steward

National Committee for Quality Assurance

1.0 New or Maintenance

Maintenance

1.1 Measure Structure

Single Measure

1.3 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)

No

1.6 Measure Description

This is a clinical process measure that assesses falls prevention in older adults. The measure has three rates:

A) Screening for Future Fall Risk:

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who were screened for future fall risk at least once within 12 months

B) Falls Risk Assessment:

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older with a history of falls who had a risk assessment for falls completed within 12 months

C) Plan of Care for Falls:

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older with a history of falls who had a plan of care for falls documented within 12 months

1.7 Measure Type

Process

1.8 Level of Analysis

Clinician: Group/Practice, Clinician: Individual

1.9 Care Setting

Clinician Office/Clinic, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility, Nursing Home/Skilled Nursing Facility

1.13 Data Dictionary

Not attached. I attest that all information will be provided where codes and/or value sets are needed (1.14a - 1.15c).

1.14 Numerator

This measure has three rates. The numerators for the three rates are as follows: A) Screening for Future Fall Risk: Patients who were screened for future fall* risk** at last once within 12 months B) Falls Risk Assessment: Patients who had a risk assessment*** for falls completed within 12 months C) Plan of Care for Falls: Patients with a plan of care**** for falls documented within 12 months. *A fall is defined as a sudden, unintentional change in position causing an individual to land at a lower level, on an object, the floor, or the ground, other than as a consequence of a sudden onset of paralysis, epileptic seizure, or overwhelming external force. **Risk of future falls is defined as having had 2 or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year. ***Risk assessment is comprised of balance/gait assessment AND one or more of the following assessments: postural blood pressure, vision, home fall hazards, and documentation on whether medications are a contributing factor or not to falls within the past 12 months. ****Plan of care must include consideration of vitamin D supplementation AND balance, strength and gait training. Screening for Future Fall Risk: Assessment of whether an individual has experienced a fall or problems with gait or balance. A specific screening tool is not required for this measure, however potential screening tools include the Morse Fall Scale and the timed Get-Up-And-Go test.

1.15 Denominator

A) Screening for Future Fall Risk: All patients aged 65 years and older seen by an eligible provider in the past year. B & C) Falls Risk Assessment & Plan of Care for Falls: All patients aged 65 years and older seen by an eligible provider in the past year with a history of falls (history of falls is defined as 2 or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year).

1.20 Types of Data Sources

Claims Data, Paper Patient Medical Records

Exclusions

Patients who have documentation of medical reason(s) for not screening for future fall risk, undergoing a risk-assessment or having a plan of care (e.g., patient is not ambulatory) are excluded from this measure.

Exclude members who use hospice services during the measurement period.

Measure Disclaimer

These performance measures are not clinical guidelines and do not establish a standard of medical care, and have not been tested for all potential applications.

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Risk Adjustment

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

Target Population

Elderly, Populations at Risk

Use In Federal Program

Medicare Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP), Physician Feedback/Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRUR), Physician Value-Based Payment Modifier (VBM)

The measure developer is different from the measure steward

No

Steward Organization

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