



Premium Specialty: Internal Medicine

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We evaluate quality using national standardized measures. The following chart lists the measures we use to evaluate physicians in the family medicine Premium specialty by condition or procedure. These measures apply to our UnitedHealthcare commercial, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan patient populations, unless otherwise noted.

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Condition/Procedure	Measure	Compliance Criteria	Measure Type	Attribution Method	Source
Acute Bronchitis	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis that did not have a prescription for an antibiotic on or three days after the initiating visit	Patient with acute bronchitis did not have an antibiotic medication dispensed on or within three days after the initiating visit	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Acute Otitis Externa	Patient(s) 2 years of age and older with acute otitis externa who were not prescribed systemic antimicrobial therapy	Patient with acute otitis externa did not have a systemic antimicrobial medication dispensed	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Acute Otitis Media	Patient(s) on antibiotic therapy with acute otitis media that received amoxicillin trihydrate, a first line antibiotic	Patient on antibiotic therapy for acute otitis media had amoxicillin trihydrate	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Acute Sinusitis	Patient(s) treated with an antibiotic for acute sinusitis that received a first line antibiotic	The first antibiotic medication patient received for acute sinusitis was a first line antibiotic medication	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis

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Adolescent Well-Care Visits	Patient(s) 12 - 21 years of age that had one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN in the last 12 reported months	Patient had a comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care physician (PCP) or an OB/GYN	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications	Adult patient(s) persistently taking angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) who received a serum potassium AND serum creatinine within the last 12 reported months	Patient persistently taking angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) had a serum potassium AND serum creatinine test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Adult patient(s) persistently taking diuretics who received a serum potassium AND serum creatinine within the last 12 reported months	Patient persistently taking diuretics had a serum potassium AND serum creatinine	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Antipsychotic Medication Management	Patient(s) with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder or bipolar disorder taking an antipsychotic medication who were screened for diabetes during the report period.	Patient with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder taking an antipsychotic medication was screened for diabetes	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) with schizophrenia who remained on antipsychotic medication for at least 80% of their treatment period	Patient with schizophrenia was 80% or more compliant with prescribed antipsychotic medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Asthma	Patient(s) that did not have an asthma related emergency department encounter in last 12 reported months	Patient did not have an asthma-related emergency department encounter	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Asthma Medication Ratio	Patient(s) 5 - 11 with an asthma medication ratio ≥ 0.50 during the report period	Patient had an asthma medication ratio ≥ 0.50	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Asthma Medication Ratio (continued)	Patient(s) 12 - 18 with an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50 during the report period	Patient had an asthma medication ratio >= 0.51	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 19 - 50 with an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50 during the report period	Patient had an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 51 - 64 with an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50 during the report period	Patient had an asthma medication ratio >= 0.51	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Atrial Fibrillation	Patient(s) at high risk for thromboembolism who are currently taking warfarin, or an oral thrombin inhibitor, or an oral factor Xa inhibitor	Patient at high risk for thromboembolism had warfarin, or an oral thrombin inhibitor, or an oral factor Xa inhibitor medication dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed oral factor Xa inhibitor (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed oral factor Xa inhibitor medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Patient(s) with an outpatient, intensive outpatient or partial hospitalization follow-up visit with a prescribing provider during the 30 days after the initial ADHD prescription, AND two follow-up visits during the 31 days through 300 days after the initial ADHD prescription	Patient had an outpatient, intensive outpatient or partial hospitalization follow-up visit with a prescribing provider during the 30 days after the initial ADHD prescription and two follow-up visits during the 31-300 days after the initial ADHD prescription	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) with an outpatient, intensive outpatient or partial hospitalization follow-up visit with a prescribing provider during the 30 days after the initial attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) prescription	Patient had an outpatient, intensive outpatient or partial hospitalization follow-up visit with a prescribing provider during the 30 days after the initial ADHD prescription	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Back Pain	Patient(s) with uncomplicated low back pain that did not have imaging studies	Patient with uncomplicated low back pain did not have imaging studies	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient with a lumbar spine MRI and low back pain diagnosis had antecedent conservative therapy	Patient with a lumbar spine MRI and low back pain diagnosis had antecedent conservative therapy	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact National Quality Forum or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Breast Cancer - Part I	Patient(s) that had an annual mammogram	Patient had an annual mammogram	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Breast Cancer Screening	Patient(s) 52 - 74 years of age that had a screening mammogram in last 27 reported months	Patient had a screening mammogram	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Cardiac imaging for Preoperative Risk Assessment for Non-Cardiac; Low-Risk Surgery	Patients of low-risk who did not receive cardiac imaging 30 days prior to a non-cardiac, low-risk surgery	Patient of low-risk did not have cardiac imaging 30 days prior to a non-cardiac, low-risk surgery	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact National Quality Forum or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Carotid Imaging for Syncope	Patient(s) with syncope that had a carotid imaging test.	Patient with syncope had a carotid imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Cerebral Vascular Accident & Transient Cerebral Ischemia (Stroke)	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed clopidogrel (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed clopidogrel medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) with a recent acute cerebral ischemic event that had a carotid Doppler or head/neck angiography test in last 12 reported months	Patient with an acute cerebral ischemic event had a carotid Doppler or head/neck angiography test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Cervical Cancer Screening	Women that had appropriate screening for cervical cancer	Patient had screening for cervical cancer	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Cervical Cancer Screening (continued)	Women that had appropriate screening for cervical cancer (Medicaid)	Patient had screening for cervical cancer (Medicaid)	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Childhood Immunizations	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had three polio vaccinations by their 2nd birthday	Patient had three polio immunizations by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had a measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization by their 2nd birthday	Patient had a measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunization by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had a varicella immunization by their 2nd birthday	Patient had a varicella immunization by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had four DTaP immunizations by their 2nd birthday	Patient had four DTaP immunizations by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had four pneumococcal conjugate immunizations by their 2nd birthday	Patient had four pneumococcal conjugate immunizations by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had one hepatitis A immunization by their 2nd birthday	Patient had a hepatitis A immunization by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had the required number of rotavirus immunizations by their 2nd birthday	Patient had the required number of rotavirus immunizations by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Childhood Immunizations (continued)	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had three hepatitis B immunizations by their 2nd birthday	Patient had three hepatitis B immunizations by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had three HiB immunizations by their 2nd birthday	Patient had three Hib immunizations by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Chlamydia Screening	Patient(s) 16 - 20 years of age that had a chlamydia screening test in last 12 reported months	Patient had a chlamydia screening test	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 21 - 24 years of age that had a chlamydia screening test in last 12 reported months	Patient had a chlamydia screening test	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed long-acting antimuscarinic agent (minimum compliance 80%).	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed long-acting antimuscarinic agent medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) 40 years of age and older with COPD exacerbation that received a bronchodilator within 30 days of hospital or ED discharge	Patient with COPD exacerbation had a bronchodilator medication dispensed within 30 days after hospital or ED discharge	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 40 years of age and older with COPD exacerbation that received a systemic corticosteroid within 14 days of hospital or ED discharge	Patient with COPD exacerbation had a systemic corticosteroid medication dispensed within 14 days after hospital or ED discharge	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) that had appropriate spirometry testing to confirm chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) diagnosis	Patient had spirometry testing to confirm chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) diagnosis	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines	Patient(s) who did not have concurrent use of prescription opioids and benzodiazepines	Patient did not have prescription opioid and benzodiazepine medications concurrently dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Congestive Heart Failure	Patient(s) currently taking an ACE inhibitor or acceptable alternative	Patient had an ACE inhibitor or acceptable alternative medication dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) that did not have a congestive heart failure related hospitalization in last 12 reported months	Patient did not have a CHF-related hospitalization	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Coronary Artery Disease	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed beta-blocker-containing medication (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed beta-blocker-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Depression	Patient(s) with a major depression who start an antidepressant medication that remained on treatment for at least 6 months (effective continuation phase treatment)	Patient with major depression who started an antidepressant medication and remained on treatment for at least 6 months (effective continuation phase treatment)	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) with major depression who start an antidepressant medication that remained on treatment for at least 12 weeks (effective acute phase treatment)	Patient with major depression who started an antidepressant medication and remained on treatment for at least 12 weeks (effective acute phase treatment)	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life	Patient(s) 1 year of age at the end of the report period that were screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized tool	Patient was screened for risk of developmental, behavioral and social delays using a standardized tool	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
	Patient(s) 2 years of age at the end of the report period that were screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized tool	Patient was screened for risk of developmental, behavioral and social delays using a standardized tool	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (continued)	Patient(s) 3 years of age at the end of the report period that were screened for risk of developmental, behavioral, and social delays using a standardized tool	Patient was screened for risk of developmental, behavioral and social delays using a standardized tool	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Diabetes	Patient(s) 18 - 75 years of age that had a HbA1c test in last 12 reported months	Patient had a HbA1c test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 18 - 75 years of age that had annual screening for nephropathy or evidence of nephropathy	Patient had annual screening for nephropathy or evidence of nephropathy	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patients had an HBA1C result value less than 8.0%	Patient had an HbA1c result value less than 8.0% on the most recent lab result	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patients had an HBA1C result value of 9.0% or lower	Patient had an HbA1c result value of 9.0% or lower on the most recent lab result	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed ACE-inhibitor-containing medication (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed ACE-inhibitor-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed angiotensin receptor blocker-containing medication (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed angiotensin receptor blocker-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of diabetic nephropathy, proteinuria, or chronic renal failure currently taking an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin II receptor antagonist	Patient with diabetic nephropathy, proteinuria, or chronic renal failure had an ACE inhibitor or angiotensin receptor antagonist medication dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis

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Diabetes (Biguanide-Containing Medication)-Part D Medication Adherence	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed biguanide-containing medication (minimum compliance 80% or higher)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed biguanide-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Diabetes (Dipeptidyl-peptidase (DPP)-4-Containing Medication)-Part D Medication Adherence (NS)	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed dipeptidyl peptidase (DPP)-4 inhibitor-containing medication (minimum compliance 80% or higher)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed dipeptidyl peptidase (DPP)-4 inhibitor-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Diabetes (Sulfonylurea-Containing Medication)-Part D Medication Adherence	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed sulfonylurea-containing medication (minimum compliance 80% or higher)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed sulfonylurea-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Diabetes (Thiazolidinedione-Containing Medication)-Part D Medication Adherence	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed thiazolidinedione-containing medication (minimum compliance 80% or higher)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed thiazolidinedione-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Diabetes Medications-Part D Medication Adherence	Patient(s) compliant with all prescribed diabetes medications (minimum compliance 80% or higher)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with all prescribed diabetes medications	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Epilepsy	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed carbamazepine or derivatives (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed carbamazepine or derivatives medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed lamotrigine (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed lamotrigine medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed levetiracetam (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed levetiracetam medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis

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Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for People With Multiple High-Risk Chronic Conditions	Patient(s) age 65 years and older with an ED visit and multiple high-risk chronic conditions that had a follow-up visit within 7 days	Patient with an ED visit and multiple high-risk chronic conditions had a follow-up visit within 7 days	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) between the ages of 18 and 64 with an ED visit and multiple high-risk chronic conditions that had a follow-up visit within 7 days	Patient with an ED visit and multiple high-risk chronic conditions had a follow-up visit within 7 days	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Head Imaging for Syncope	Patient(s) with syncope that had a head imaging test	Patient with syncope did not have a head imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Head Imaging for Uncomplicated Headache	Patient(s) with a headache that had a head imaging test	Patient with a headache did not have a head imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Hepatitis C	Patient(s) with cirrhosis that had a liver imaging test in last 12 reported months	Patient with cirrhosis had a liver imaging test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Hospitalization Following Discharge from a Skilled Nursing Facility	Patient with a skilled nursing facility discharge did not have an acute inpatient or observation admission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a skilled nursing facility discharge did not have a hospital or observation admission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Immunizations for Adolescents	Patient(s) 13 years old at the end of the report period that had the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine by their 13th birthday	Patient had a diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine between the 10th and 13th birthdays	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 13 years old at the end of the report period that had the meningococcal vaccine by their 13th birthday	Patient had a meningococcal vaccine between the 11th and 13th birthdays	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Immunizations for Adolescents (continued)	Patient(s) 13 years old at the end of the report period that had three HPV vaccinations at least 14 days apart, or two HPV vaccinations at least 146 days apart between their 9th and 13th birthdays.	Patient had three HPV vaccinations at least 14 days apart or two HPV vaccinations at least 146 days apart between the 9th and 13th birthdays	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed tumor necrosis factor inhibitor (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed tumor necrosis factor inhibitor medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) taking methotrexate, sulfasalazine, mercaptopurine, or azathioprine that had a CBC in last 3 reported months	Patient taking methotrexate, sulfasalazine, mercaptopurine, or azathioprine had a complete blood count (CBC) test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) taking methotrexate; azathioprine or mercaptopurine that had serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) test in last 6 reported months	Patient taking methotrexate, azathioprine or mercaptopurine had a serum ALT or AST test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Lead Screening in Children	Patient(s) 2 years old at the end of the report period that had at least one capillary or venous blood test on or before their 2nd birthday	Patient had a capillary or venous blood test for lead by the 2nd birthday	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Medication Management for People with Asthma	Patient(s) 5 - 11 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 12 - 18 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Medication management for People with Asthma (continued)	Patient(s) 19 - 50 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 51 - 64 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Medication Safety Monitoring	Elderly patient(s) with dementia who did not take an antiemetic; antipsychotic; benzodiazepine; tricyclic antidepressant; H2 receptor antagonist; nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic or anticholinergic agent after the earliest record of dementia	Patient with dementia did not have an antipsychotic, benzodiazepine, tricyclic antidepressant, H2 receptor antagonist, nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic or anticholinergic agent dispensed after the earliest record of dementia	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Elderly patients who had an accidental fall or hip fracture who did not take an anticonvulsant; nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic; SSRI; antiemetic; antipsychotic; benzodiazepine; or tricyclic antidepressant after the incident	Patient with an accidental fall or hip fracture did not have an anticonvulsant, nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic, SSRI, antipsychotic, benzodiazepine, or tricyclic antidepressant medication dispensed after the incident	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Elderly patients with chronic kidney disease who did not take a Cox-2 selective or nonaspirin nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) after the earliest record of chronic kidney disease	Patient with chronic kidney disease did not have a Cox-2 selective or nonaspirin nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) dispensed after the earliest record of chronic kidney disease	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Patient had two or more antipsychotic medications and had metabolic monitoring	Patient with two or more antipsychotic medications had metabolic monitoring	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Migraine Headache	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed antiepileptics for migraine prophylaxis (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed antiepileptic medication for migraine prophylaxis	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis

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Migraine Headache (continued)	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed beta-blocker-containing medication (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed beta-blocker-containing medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Monitoring of Persistent Medications	Patient(s) taking lithium that had a lithium level in last 6 reported months	Patient taking lithium had a lithium level test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Multiple Sclerosis	Patient(s) taking interferon that had a complete blood count in last 12 reported months	Patient taking interferon had a complete blood count test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) taking interferon that had serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) test in last 12 reported months	Patient taking interferon had a serum ALT or AST test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Non-Recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females	Patient(s) 16 - 20 years of age that did not have a cervical cancer screening (cervical cytology or human papillomavirus test) in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have a non-recommended cervical cancer screening test (cervical cytology or human papillomavirus test)	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Non-Recommended PSA-Based Screening in Older Men	Patient(s) 70 years of age and older that did not have a prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening test in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have a non-recommended prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Osteoporosis Management	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed oral bisphosphonate (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed oral bisphosphonate medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Women 67 - 85 years of age who were treated or tested for osteoporosis within six months of a fracture	Patient was treated or tested for osteoporosis within six months of a fracture	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Persistence of Beta-Blocker	Patient(s) hospitalized with an acute myocardial infarction (AMI) persistently taking a beta-blocker for six months after discharge	Patient hospitalized with acute myocardial infarction (AMI) had persistent beta-blocker medication therapy for six months after discharge	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Pharyngitis	Patient(s) treated with an antibiotic for pharyngitis that had a group A streptococcus test	Patient treated with an antibiotic for pharyngitis had a group A streptococcus test	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Plan All-Cause Readmissions	Patient(s) 18 - 44 years of age with a recent hospitalization that did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a recent hospitalization did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 45 - 54 years of age with a recent hospitalization that did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a recent hospitalization did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 55 -64 years of age with a recent hospitalization that did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a recent hospitalization did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 65 - 74 years of age with a recent hospitalization that did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a recent hospitalization did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 75 - 84 years of age with a recent hospitalization that did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a recent hospitalization did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 85 years of age or older with a recent hospitalization that did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient with a recent hospitalization did not have a hospital readmission within 30 days of discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Pneumonia	Adult(s) with community-acquired bacterial pneumonia who have a chest X-ray	Patient with community-acquired bacterial pneumonia had a chest X-ray	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis

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Prostate Cancer	Patient(s) that had a prostate specific antigen test in last 12 reported months	Patient had a prostate specific antigen test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Renin Angiotensin System (RAS) Antagonists-Part D Medication Adherence	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed renin-angiotensin system antagonist medication (minimum compliance 80% or higher)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed RAS antagonist medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed methotrexate (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed methotrexate medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed hydroxychloroquine (minimum compliance 80%).	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed hydroxychloroquine medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed subcutaneous tumor necrosis factor inhibitor (minimum compliance 80%)	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed subcutaneous tumor necrosis factor inhibitor medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) taking methotrexate sulfasalazine or leflunomide that had serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) test in last 3 reported months	Patient taking methotrexate sulfasalazine or leflunomide medication had a serum ALT or AST test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) taking methotrexate, sulfasalazine, gold, or leflunamide that had a complete blood count (CBC) in last 3 reported months	Patient taking methotrexate, sulfasalazine, gold, or leflunamide medication had a complete blood count (CBC) test	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
	Patient(s) who had a prescription dispensed for a disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) during the report period	Patient had a disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Simultaneous Use of Brain Computed Tomography and Sinus Computed Tomography	Patient(s) with a brain CT test performed that had a sinus CT on the same day at the same facility.	Patient with a brain CT test performed did not have a sinus CT on the same day at the same facility	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Statins-Part D Medication Adherence	Patient(s) compliant with prescribed statin medication (minimum compliance 80% or higher).	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed statin medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease	Men 21 - 75 years of age with cardiovascular disease that received a high or moderate-intensity statin medication	Patient with cardiovascular disease had a high or moderate-intensity statin medication dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Women 40 - 75 years of age with cardiovascular disease that received a high or moderate-intensity statin medication	Patient with cardiovascular disease had a high or moderate-intensity statin medication dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Men 21 - 75 years of age with statin adherence (proportion of days covered) at least 80% during the treatment period	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed statin medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Women 40 -75 years of age with statin adherence (proportion of days covered) at least 80% during the treatment period	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed statin medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes	Patient(s) 40 - 75 years of age with diabetes that received a statin medication	Patient with diabetes had a statin medication dispensed	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) with statin adherence (proportion of days covered) at least 80% during the treatment period	Patient was 80% or more compliant with prescribed statin medication	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Transitions of Care	Patient(s) 18 - 64 years of age that had patient engagement within 30 days after discharge	Patient had patient engagement within 30 days after discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 65 years of age or older that had patient engagement with 30 days after discharge	Patient had patient engagement within 30 days after discharge	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Upper Respiratory Infection	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) that did not have a prescription for an antibiotic on or three days after the initiating visit	Patient with upper respiratory infection (URI) did not have an antibiotic medication dispensed on or within three days after the initiating visit	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Use of Contrast Material in CT	Patient(s) with a thorax CT test that did not have combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Patient did not have a thorax CT test using combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact National Quality Forum or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
	Patient(s) with an abdominal CT test performed that did not have combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Patient did not have an abdomen CT test using combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly	Patient(s) 66 years of age and older who did not receive two or more of the same high-risk medication in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have two or more of the same high-risk medications dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patients 66 years of age and older who did not receive one or more high-risk medications in the elderly in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have a high-risk medication dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Patient or Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Use of Opioid Medications	Patient(s) 18 years and older who did not have an average morphine equivalent dose (med) > 120 mg/day during the treatment period	Patient did not have an average morphine equivalent dose greater than 120 mg/day	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 18 years and older who did not have an average morphine equivalent dose (med) > 120 mg/day during the treatment period	Patient did not have an average morphine equivalent dose greater than 120 mg/day	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient did not have opioid medications from four or more different prescribers dispensed	Patient did not have opioid medications from four or more different prescribers dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naive and were prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
Well-Child Visits	Patient(s) that had six or more well-child visits with a PCP during the first 15 months of life	Patient had six or more well-child visits at least 14 days apart with a primary care physician (PCP) during the first 15 months of life	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Well-Child Visits (continued)	Patient(s) 3 - 6 years of age that had one well-child visit with a PCP in the last 12 reported months	Patient had a well-child visit with a primary care physician (PCP)	Preventive Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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