Breast cancer screening measures

About HEDIS requirements for breast cancer screening

The National Committee for Quality Assurance’s (NCQA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) includes standard measures that are used to evaluate a health plan’s performance. Through data collection and reporting, health plans also use HEDIS measures as an opportunity to identify areas for improvement in care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) also requires HEDIS data reporting to help monitor the quality of Medicare Advantage plans and to provide information to help members compare those plans based on CMS’ Star Ratings. This tool, which details HEDIS requirements for breast cancer screenings, a component of CMS’ Star Ratings, is focused on the impact of that HEDIS measure for Medicare Advantage patients.

CMS Star Rating Weight

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Breast cancer screening

Description: Measures the percentage of women 50–74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the prior 27 reported months.

Age: Women 52–74 years as of December 31 of the measurement year.

Requirements for compliance

Screening/test required: One or more mammograms any time on or between October 1 two years prior to the measurement year through December 31 of the measurement year (27 month period).

What to report for compliance

This screening is typically closed by claims but can also be closed from medical record documentation.

What you need to include in medical record documentation

1. Medical record stating that screening was completed and/or mammography report.
2. Date screening was completed.
3. Result/mammography report may be submitted in lieu of progress note.
4. Documentation of exclusion, if applicable. Exclusions include bilateral mastectomy any time during the member’s history through December 31 of the measurement year. Any of the following meet criteria for bilateral mastectomy:
   • Absence of the left breast and absence of the right breast on the same or different date of service.
   • History of bilateral mastectomy.
   • Left unilateral mastectomy and right unilateral mastectomy on the same or different date of service.
   • Bilateral mastectomy.
   • Unilateral mastectomy with a bilateral modifier.
   • Two unilateral mastectomies with service dates 14 days or more apart.
   • Both of the following (on the same or a different date of service):
     • Unilateral mastectomy with a right-side modifier.
     • Unilateral mastectomy with a left-side modifier.

A referral for a mammogram is not sufficient to close the quality gap.

- Do not count biopsies, breast ultrasounds or MRIs for this measure. They are not appropriate methods for primary breast cancer screening.
- Ensure that the mammogram and documentation of mammogram screening date occurs within the appropriate time frame, 27 months prior to December 31 of the measurement year.
- Documentation of next screening due does not meet evidence of completion of breast cancer screening.
- Mastectomy must be specified as bilateral (by one operative session or two operative sessions) to be acceptable.

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Per the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY 2016: “A dash (-) at the end of an Alphabetic Index entry indicates that additional characters are required. Even if a dash is not included at the Alphabetic Index entry, it is necessary to refer to the Tabular List to verify that no 7th character is required.”

Thus the bolding of ICD-10-CM codes represents only those fully reportable codes, not categories or subcategories, that map to the 2014 CMS-HCC risk adjustment model for Payment Year 2016.

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