Medicare Advantage

Differences Between Statin Star Measures

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has three statin measures in the star ratings program. Along with medication adherence for statins, CMS includes **statin therapy in persons with cardiovascular disease** and **statin use in persons with diabetes**. These measures are focused on two of the major statin benefit populations described in American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines and align with recommendations from the American Diabetes Association. **Both statin prescribing measures recommend statin therapy for people with either cardiovascular disease or diabetes regardless of cholesterol levels**.

The following comparison chart helps to highlight the differences between the three statin measures in the CMS Star Ratings program for Medicare Advantage plans.

Statin Star Measures Comparison Chart

Measure	Adherence (Statins) 3-weight	Cardiovascular Disease (SPC) 1-weight	Diabetes (SUPD) 1-weight
Criteria to Meet Measure	Prescription claims for a **statin** to cover **80% or more of the time that they are supposed to be taking the medication** **Note:** The data for this measure comes from Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data files submitted by drug plans to Medicare. This measure cannot be attested to in the Quality Care Rewards (QCR) application in Availity®.	**One** prescription claim for a **moderate to high intensity statin** **Note:** The data for this measure comes from medical and pharmacy claims. Attestations for statin fills in the Quality Care Rewards (QCR) application in Availity® are allowed only for statins filled through cash pay, Patient Assistance Programs or from the Veteran's Administration (VA). A photo of the prescription bottle or pharmacy receipt or feed showing the full label information with patient identification, medication name, dose, route and dispensed date is required to be uploaded with the attestation.	**One** prescription claim for a **statin** **Note:** The data for this measure comes from Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data files submitted by drug plans to Medicare. This measure cannot be attested to in the Quality Care Rewards (QCR) application in Availity®.
Inclusion Criteria	**Two prescription claims** for a **statin** medication	**Diagnosis:** Ischemic vascular disease **OR** **Event:** MI, CABG, or a revascularization event such as a percutaneous coronary intervention	**Two prescription claims** for a **diabetes** medication, including insulin
Age	All Patients 18 years and older	Males 21-75 Females 40-75	All Patients 40-75 years old

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Statin Star Measures Comparison Chart (cont.)

Measure	Adherence (Statins 3-weight	Cardiovascular Disease (SPC) 1-weight	Diabetes (SUPD) 1-weight
Exclusion Criteria	ESRD Hospice	Any of the following in the current measurement year or the year prior: › ESRD, CKD 5 or Dialysis › IVF › Cirrhosis › Clomiphene therapy › Pregnancy Any of the following in the current measurement year: › Myalgia › Myopathy › Myositis › Rhabdomyolysis › Patients age 66 and over enrolled in an institutional SNP or living long-term in an institution › Patients age 66 and over with frailty and advanced illness › Patients receiving palliative care or hospice **Note:** The diagnosis code for the applicable condition may be submitted on a claim annually <u>or</u> an attestation may be made in the Quality Care Rewards (QCR) application located in Availity® to exclude the patient. Attestations made in the QCR <u>require</u> documentation upload from the medical record to support the exclusion.	Any of the following in the current measurement year: › Hospice › ESRD or CKD 5 › Rhabdomyolysis, myositis or myopathy › Pregnancy, lactation, or fertility › Cirrhosis › Pre-diabetes › Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) **Note:** The diagnosis code for the applicable condition <u>must</u> be submitted on a claim annually to exclude the patient. Exclusions <u>cannot</u> be attested to in the Quality Care Rewards (QCR) application in Availity®.

Helpful Tips:

› Prescribe or assess for statin therapy to patients diagnosed with diabetes or ASCVD.

› Submit an annual claim using the appropriate ICD-10-CM code to exclude patients who can't tolerate statin medications.

› Encourage 90-day supplies through a preferred or mail-order pharmacy.

› Instruct patients to fill prescriptions using their pharmacy benefit.