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Differences Between Statin Star Measures

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CMS has added two statin measures to the star ratings program: **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 the 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 comparison chart below helps to highlight the differences between the three statin prescribing measures in the CMS Star Ratings programs 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% of the year | One prescription claim for a moderate to high intensity statin | One prescription claim for a statin |
| Inclusion Criteria | Two prescription claims for a statin medication | Diagnosis: Ischemic vascular disease --OR-- Event: MI, CABG, PCI, lower extremity revascularization (femoral/popliteal, iliac, tibial/peroneal) | Two prescription claims for a diabetes medication |
| Age | All Patients 18 years and older | Males 18-75 Females 40-75 | All Patients 40-75 years old |
| Exclusion Criteria | ESRD Hospice | Myalgia, Myositis, Myopathy Rhabdomyolysis Cirrhosis ESRD Hospice Pregnancy IVF Clomiphene therapy Patients age 66 and over with frailty and advanced illness and/or enrolled in an institutional SNP or living long-term in an institution | ESRD Hospice |

We're Right Here

If you have any questions about the Star measures or how BlueCross can help support your efforts to provide care for BlueCross Medicare Advantage members, please reach out to a member of our Provider Quality Outreach team or our Quality Pharmacist.

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