



PREV-10: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention

2024 Performance Year

Medicare (MSSP)

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use one or more times during the performance year AND who received tobacco cessation intervention during or anytime during the 6 months prior to the performance year, if the patient is identified as a tobacco user

Definitions

Tobacco Use – Includes **any** type of tobacco including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars (including cigarillos and little cigars), dissolvables, hookah tobacco, nicotine gels, pipe tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, smokeless tobacco products (including dip, snuff, snus, and chewing tobacco), vapes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), hookah pens, and other electronic nicotine delivery systems

Tobacco Cessation Intervention – Includes brief counseling (3 minutes or less), and/or pharmacotherapy

Required Exclusions

- Patients receiving hospice or palliative care at any time during the performance year
- Patients who moved out of country during the performance year
- Patients who passed away during the performance year

Denominator Exceptions

- *Population 1:* Documentation of medical reason(s) for not screening for tobacco use (e.g., limited life expectancy, other medical reason)
- *Population 2:* Documentation of medical reason(s) for not providing tobacco cessation intervention (e.g., limited life expectancy, other medical reason)
- *Population 3:* Documentation of medical reason(s) for not screening for tobacco use OR for not providing tobacco cessation intervention for patients identified as tobacco users (e.g., limited life expectancy, other medical reason)

Documentation Tips

- **NOTE: Written self-help materials (e.g., brochures, pamphlets) and complementary/alternative therapies do NOT qualify to satisfy the intent of the measure per CMS**
- To satisfy the intent of this measure, a patient must have at least one tobacco use screening during the measurement period. If a patient has multiple tobacco use screenings during the measurement period, only the most recent screening, which has a documented status of tobacco user or tobacco non-user, will be used to satisfy the measure requirements.
- If a patient uses any type of tobacco (i.e., smokes or uses smokeless tobacco), the expectation is that they should receive tobacco cessation intervention: either counseling and/or pharmacotherapy.
- The tobacco cessation intervention can be performed by another healthcare provider; therefore, the tobacco use screening and tobacco cessation intervention do not need to be performed by the same provider or clinician.
- Screening for tobacco use must occur during the encounter and may be completed during a telehealth encounter.

Resources

2024 CMS WebInterface V8.0