

# Clinical Quality Measures for Eligible Professionals - Descriptions

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## CORE

1	NQF 0013	<b>Hypertension: Blood Pressure Measurement</b>	Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hypertension who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, with blood pressure (BP) recorded.
2	NQF 0028	<b>Preventative Care and Screening Measure Pair:</b> a) <b>Tobacco Use Assessment</b> b) <b>Tobacco Cessation Intervention</b>	a) Percentage of patients aged 18 years or older who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who were queried about tobacco use one or more times within 24 months.  b) Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older identified as tobacco users within the past 24 months and have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who received cessation intervention.
3	NQF 0421 PQRI 128	<b>Adult Weight Screening and Follow-up</b>	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a calculated BMI in the past six months or during the current visit documented in the medical record AND if the most recent BMI is outside parameters, a follow up plan is documented.

## ALTERNATE

1	NQF 0024	<b>Weight Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents</b>	The percentage of patients 2-17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN and who had evidence of BMI percentile documentation, counseling for nutrition and counseling for physical activity during the measurement year.
2	NQF 0041 PQRI 110	<b>Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization for Patients 50 Years Old or Older</b>	Percentage of patients aged 50 years and older who received an influenza immunization during the flu season (September through February).
3	NQF 0038	<b>Childhood Immunization Status</b>	The percentage of children 2 years of age who had four diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP); three polio (IPV); one measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); two H influenza type B (HiB); three hepatitis B (Hep B), one chicken pox (VZV); four pneumococcal conjugate (PCV); two hepatitis A (Hep A); two or three rotavirus (RV); and two influenza (flu) vaccines by their second birthday. The measure calculates a rate for each vaccine and two separate combination rates.

# MENU

1	NQF 0059	<b>Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control</b>	The percentage of patients 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had HbA1c >9.0%.
2	NQF 0064	<b>Diabetes: Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Management and Control</b>	The percentage of patients 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had LDL-C <100mg/dL.
3	NQF 0061	<b>Diabetes: Blood Pressure Management</b>	The percentage of patients 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had BP <140/90 mmHg.
4	NQF 0081	<b>Heart Failure (HF):</b> Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and LVSD (LVEF < 40%) who were prescribed ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy.
5	NQF 0070	<b>Coronary Artery Disease (CAD):</b> Beta-Blocker Therapy for CAD Patients with Prior Myocardial Infarction (MI)	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD and prior MI who were prescribed beta-blocker therapy.
6	NQF 0043	<b>Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults</b>	The percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who have ever received a pneumococcal vaccine.
7	NQF 0031	<b>Breast Cancer Screening</b>	The percentage of women 40–69 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer.
8	NQF 0034	<b>Colorectal Cancer Screening</b>	The percentage of adults 50–75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.
9	NQF 0067	<b>Coronary Artery Disease (CAD):</b> Oral Antiplatelet Therapy Prescribed for Patients with CAD	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who were prescribed oral antiplatelet therapy.
10	NQF 0083	<b>Heart Failure (HF):</b> Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of heart failure who also have LVSD (LVEF < 40%) and who were prescribed beta-blocker therapy.
11	NQF 0105	<b>Anti-depressant medication management:</b> (a) Effective Acute Phase Treatment (b) Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were diagnosed with a new episode of major depression, treated with antidepressant medication, and who remained on an antidepressant medication treatment.
12	NQF 0086	<b>Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG):</b> Optic Nerve Evaluation	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of POAG who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who have an optic nerve head evaluation during one or more office visits within 12 months.
13	NQF 0088	<b>Diabetic Retinopathy:</b> Documentation of Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed which included documentation of the level of severity of retinopathy and the presence or absence of macular edema during one or more office visits within 12 months.

14	NQF 0089	<b>Diabetic Retinopathy:</b> Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed with documented communication to the physician who manages the on-going care of the patient with diabetes mellitus regarding the findings of the macular or fundus exam at least once within 12 months.
15	NQF 0047	<b>Asthma Pharmacologic Therapy</b>	Percentage of patients aged 5 through 40 years with a diagnosis of mild, moderate, or severe persistent asthma who were prescribed either the preferred long-term control medication (inhaled corticosteroid) or an acceptable alternative treatment.
16	NQF 0001	<b>Asthma Assessment</b>	Percentage of patients aged 5 through 40 years with a diagnosis of asthma and who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, who were evaluated during at least one office visit within 12 months for the frequency (numeric) of daytime and nocturnal asthma symptoms.
17	NQF 0002	<b>Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis</b>	The percentage of children 2-18 years of age who were diagnosed with Pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strep) test for the episode.
18	NQF 0387	<b>Oncology Breast Cancer:</b> Hormonal Therapy for Stage IC-IIIIC Estrogen Receptor / Progesterone Receptor (ER/PR) Positive Breast Cancer	Percentage of female patients aged 18 years and older with Stage IC through IIIIC, ER or PR positive breast cancer who were prescribed tamoxifen or aromatase inhibitor (AI) during the 12-month reporting period.
19	NQF 0385	<b>Oncology Colon Cancer:</b> Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer Patients	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with Stage IIIA through IIIIC colon cancer who are referred for adjuvant chemotherapy, prescribed adjuvant chemotherapy, or have previously received adjuvant chemotherapy within the 12-month reporting period.
20	NQF 0389	<b>Prostate Cancer:</b> Avoidance of Overuse of Bone Scan for Staging Low Risk Prostate Cancer Patients	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of prostate cancer at low risk of recurrence receiving interstitial prostate brachytherapy, OR external beam radiotherapy to the prostate, OR radical prostatectomy, OR cryotherapy who did not have a bone scan performed at any time since diagnosis of prostate cancer.
21		<b>Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation, Medical Assistance:</b> a) Advising Smokers and Tobacco Users to Quit b) Discussing Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Medications c) Discussing Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Strategies	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were current smokers or tobacco users, who were seen by a practitioner during the measurement year and who received advice to quit smoking or tobacco use or whose practitioner recommended or discussed smoking or tobacco use cessation medications, methods or strategies.
22	NQF 0055	<b>Diabetes:</b> Eye Exam	The percentage of patients 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a retinal or dilated eye exam or a negative retinal exam (no evidence of retinopathy) by an eye care professional .

23	NQF 0062	<b>Diabetes:</b> Urine Screening	The percentage of patients 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a nephropathy screening test or evidence of nephropathy .
24	NQF 0056	<b>Diabetes:</b> Foot Exam	The percentage of patients aged 18-75 years with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had a foot exam (visual inspection, sensory exam with monofilament, or pulse exam).
25	NQF 0074	<b>Coronary Artery Disease (CAD):</b> Drug Therapy for Lowering LDL-Cholesterol	Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of CAD who were prescribed a lipid-lowering therapy (based on current ACC/AHA guidelines).
26	NQF 0084	<b>Heart Failure (HF):</b> Warfarin Therapy Patients with Atrial Fibrillation	Percentage of all patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and paroxysmal or chronic atrial fibrillation who were prescribed warfarin therapy.
27	NQF 0073	<b>Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD):</b> Blood Pressure Management	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1– November 1 of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and whose most recent blood pressure is in control (<140/90 mmHg).
28	NQF 0068	<b>Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD):</b> Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1–November 1 of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who had documentation of use of aspirin or another antithrombotic during the measurement year.
29	NQF 0004	<b>Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment:</b> a) Initiation b) Engagement	The percentage of adolescent and adult patients with a new episode of alcohol and other drug (AOD) dependence who initiate treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization within 14 days of the diagnosis and who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional services with an AOD diagnosis within 30 days of the initiation visit.
30	NQF 0012	<b>Prenatal Care:</b> Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	Percentage of patients, regardless of age, who gave birth during a 12-month period who were screened for HIV infection during the first or second prenatal visit.
31	NQF 0014	<b>Prenatal Care:</b> Anti-D Immune Globulin	Percentage of D (Rh) negative, unsensitized patients, regardless of age, who gave birth during a 12-month period who received anti-D immune globulin at 26-30 weeks gestation.
32	NQF 0018	<b>Controlling High Blood Pressure</b>	The percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose BP was adequately controlled during the measurement year.
33	NQF 0032	<b>Cervical Cancer Screening</b>	The percentage of women 21-64 years of age who received one or more Pap tests to screen for cervical cancer.

<b>34</b>	NQF 0033	<b>Chlamydia Screening for Women</b>	The percentage of women 15-24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.
<b>35</b>	NQF 0036	<b>Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma</b>	The percentage of patients 5-50 years of age during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and were appropriately prescribed medication during the measurement year. Report three age stratifications (5-11 years, 12-50 years, and total).
<b>36</b>	NQF 0052	<b>Low Back Pain: Use of Imaging Studies</b>	The percentage of patients with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (plain X-ray, MRI, CT scan) within 28 days of diagnosis.
<b>37</b>	NQF 0075	<b>Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Panel and LDL Control</b>	The percentage of patients 18 years of age and older who were discharged alive for acute myocardial infarction (AMI), coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) or percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) from January 1–November 1 of the year prior to the measurement year, or who had a diagnosis of ischemic vascular disease (IVD) during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year and who had a complete lipid profile performed during the measurement year and whose LDL-C was <100 mg/dL.
<b>38</b>	NQF 0575	<b>Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Control (&lt;8.0%)</b>	The percentage of patients 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had HbA1c <8.0%.