



2014 HEDIS Criteria Controlling Blood Pressure

Q: Which members are included in the sample? When is someone considered compliant?

A: Members 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose BP was adequately controlled during the measurement year based on the following criteria:

- Members 18-59 years of age whose BP was <140/90 mm Hg
- Members 60-85 years of age with a diagnosis of diabetes whose BP was <140/90 mm Hg
- Members 60-85 years of age without a diagnosis of diabetes whose BP was <150/90 mm Hg

Q: What documentation is needed in the medical record?

A: The following documentation is needed:

- A notation of hypertension or undated problem list including the diagnosis of hypertension
- A dated documentation of the most recent BP taken in a physician office in the measurement year

Q: How to improve score for this HEDIS measure?

A: Some ideas for improving HEDIS scores for this measure are:

- OUT-REACH Panel Management: calls or letters to patients who are overdue for a blood pressure reading or if the patient's blood pressure is not in control.
- REGISTRY USE: track patients with diabetes and generate reports on standardized measures.
- INCLUDE THE REST OF THE CARE TEAM IN THE CARE: Train support staff to provide counseling, under physician/nurse guidance. Staff can distribute health education information under standing orders.
- Ensure proper documentation in medical record.
- Use correct diagnosis and procedure codes.

Q: What codes are used?

A: Codes used for this measure:

Controlling Blood Pressure	
CPT Procedure Code	99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404, 99411, 99412, 99420, 99429, 99455, 99456
WITH	
ICD9 Diagnosis Code	401, 401.1, 401.9
Exclusions	
ICD9 Diagnosis Code	249, 251.8, 648.8, 962, 256.4

Note: 2014 HEDIS Criteria is derived from the NCQA HEDIS 2014 Technical Specifications, Volume 2

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