



PQA Quality Measures Used in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Programs

Many Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) quality measures are used by Medicare and Medicaid to ensure safe and appropriate medication use among the beneficiaries who are served by these programs.

- CMS created the **Medicare Part D Star Ratings** to provide quality and performance information to beneficiaries to assist them in choosing their drug services during the annual fall open enrollment period. Additional “display” and “patient safety” measures help monitor plan performance for quality improvement.
- The CMS **Medicaid Adult Core Set of Measures** was established to standardize the measurement of healthcare quality across state Medicaid programs.
- The **Health Insurance Marketplace Quality Rating System** is a pilot program that provides quality rating information to help individuals select a qualified health plan in state marketplaces.

PQA Quality Measures in Use

Medicare Part D		
Star Ratings 1. Adherence for Diabetes 2. Adherence for Hypertension 3. Adherence for Cholesterol 4. MTM Program Completion Rate for CMR 5. Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes	Display 1. Use of Opioids at High Dosage and from Multiple Providers 2. Drug-Drug Interactions 3. Diabetes Medication Dosing 4. High Risk Medications in the Elderly 5. Antipsychotic Use in Persons with Dementia	Patient Safety 1. Adherence to Antiretrovirals 2. Use of Opioids at High Dosage 3. Use of Opioids from Multiple Providers 4. Polypharmacy: Use of Multiple Anticholinergics in Older Adults 5. Polypharmacy: Use of Multiple CNS-Active Medications in Older Adults 6. Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines
Medicaid Adult Core Set of Measures		Medicare Shared Savings Program
1. Use of Opioids at High Dosage 2. Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines		MAP 2018-2019 Final Recommendations: Conditional Support for: 1. Use of Opioids from Multiple Providers in Persons Without Cancer 2. Use of Opioids at High Dosage in Persons Without Cancer
Health Insurance Marketplace Quality Rating System (QRS)		
1. Adherence for Diabetes 2. Adherence for Hypertension 3. Adherence for Cholesterol		

*Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes measure will be added to the 2019 Star Ratings. **CMR** = comprehensive medication review; **CNS** = central nervous system; **MAP** = Measure Applications Partnership; **MTM** = medication therapy management