

**Quality ID #112 (NQF 2372): Breast Cancer Screening**  
– National Quality Strategy Domain: Effective Clinical Care  
– Meaningful Measure Area: Preventive Care

**2022 COLLECTION TYPE:**  
**MIPS CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)**

**MEASURE TYPE:**  
Process

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Percentage of women 50 - 74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the 27 months prior to the end of the measurement period

**INSTRUCTIONS:**  
This measure is to be submitted a minimum of **once per performance period** for female patients seen during the performance period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. The patient should either be screened for breast cancer on the date of service OR there should be documentation that the patient was screened for breast cancer at least once within **27 months prior to the end of the performance period**. Performance for this measure is not limited to the performance period. This measure may be submitted by Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

***NOTE:*** Patient encounters for this measure conducted via telehealth (e.g., encounters coded with GQ, GT, 95, or POS 02 modifiers) are allowable.

**Measure Submission Type:**  
Measure data may be submitted by individual MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions as allowed by the measure. The quality data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries that utilize this modality for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

**DENOMINATOR:**  
Women 51 - 74 years of age with a visit during the measurement period

***DENOMINATOR NOTE:*** The intent of the measure is that starting at age 50 women should have one or more mammograms every 24 months with a 3 month grace period. The intent of the exclusion for individuals age 66 and older residing in long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, is to exclude individuals who may have limited life expectancy and increased frailty where the benefit of the process may not exceed the risks. This exclusion is not intended as a clinical recommendation regarding whether the measures process is inappropriate for specific populations, instead the exclusion allows clinicians to engage in shared decision making with patients about the benefits and risks of screening when an individual has limited life expectancy.

*To assess the age for exclusions, the patient's age at the end of the measurement period should be used.*

*\*Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for MIPS CQMs.*

**Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):**

Patients 51 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period

**AND**

**Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT or HCPCS):** 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99385\*, 99386\*, 99387\*, 99395\*, 99396\*, 99397\*, G0438, G0439

**AND NOT**

**DENOMINATOR EXCLUSIONS:**

**Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy:** G9708

**OR**

**Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period:** G9709

**OR**

**Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period:** G9992

**OR**

**Patients age 66 or older in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period:** G9898

**OR**

**Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period:** G2098

**OR**

**Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period:** G2099

**Table: Dementia Exclusion Medications**

Description	Prescription
Cholinesterase inhibitors	Donepezil Galantamine Rivastigimine
Miscellaneous central nervous system agents	Memantine

- **Codes to identify Frailty:** 99504, 99509, E0100, E0105, E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147, E0148, E0149, E0163, E0165, E0167, E0168, E0170, E0171, E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290, E0291, E0292, E0293, E0294, E0295, E0296, E0297, E0301, E0302, E0303, E0304, E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440, E0441, E0442, E0443, E0444, E0462, E0465, E0466, E0470, E0471, E0472, E0561, E0562, E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295, E1296, E1297, E1298, G0162, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494, S0271, S0311, S9123, S9124, T1000, T1001, T1002, T1003, T1004, T1005, T1019, T1020, T1021, T1022, T1030, T1031, L89.000, L89.001, L89.002, L89.003, L89.004, L89.006, L89.009, L89.010, L89.011, L89.012, L89.013, L89.014, L89.016, L89.019, L89.020, L89.021, L89.022, L89.023, L89.024, L89.026, L89.029, L89.100, L89.101, L89.102, L89.103, L89.104, L89.106, L89.109, L89.110, L89.111, L89.112, L89.113, L89.114, L89.116, L89.119, L89.120, L89.121, L89.122, L89.123, L89.124, L89.126, L89.129, L89.130, L89.131, L89.132, L89.133, L89.134, L89.136, L89.139, L89.140, L89.141, L89.142, L89.143, L89.144, L89.146, L89.149, L89.150, L89.151, L89.152, L89.153, L89.154, L89.156, L89.159, L89.200, L89.201, L89.202, L89.203, L89.204, L89.206, L89.209, L89.210, L89.211, L89.212, L89.213, L89.214, L89.216, L89.219, L89.220, L89.221, L89.222, L89.223, L89.224, L89.226, L89.229, L89.300, L89.301, L89.302, L89.303, L89.304, L89.306, L89.309, L89.310, L89.311, L89.312, L89.313, L89.314, L89.316, L89.319, L89.320, L89.321, L89.322, L89.323, L89.324, L89.326, L89.329, L89.40, L89.41, L89.42, L89.43, L89.44, L89.45,

L89.46, L89.500, L89.501, L89.502, L89.503, L89.504, L89.506, L89.509, L89.510, L89.511, L89.512, L89.513, L89.514, L89.516, L89.519, L89.520, L89.521, L89.522, L89.523, L89.524, L89.526, L89.529, L89.600, L89.601, L89.602, L89.603, L89.604, L89.606, L89.609, L89.610, L89.611, L89.612, L89.613, L89.614, L89.616, L89.619, L89.620, L89.621, L89.622, L89.623, L89.624, L89.626, L89.629, L89.810, L89.811, L89.812, L89.813, L89.814, L89.816, L89.819, L89.890, L89.891, L89.892, L89.893, L89.894, L89.896, L89.899, L89.90, L89.91, L89.92, L89.93, L89.94, L89.95, L89.96, M62.50, M62.81, M62.84, R26.0, R26.1, R26.2, R26.89, R26.9, R41.81, R53.1, R53.81, R53.83, R54, R62.7, R63.4, R63.6, R64, W01.0XXA, W01.0XXD, W01.0XXS, W01.10XA, W01.10XD, W01.10XS, W01.110A, W01.110D, W01.110S, W01.111A, W01.111D, W01.111S, W01.118A, W01.118D, W01.118S, W01.119A, W01.119D, W01.119S, W01.190A, W01.190D, W01.190S, W01.198A, W01.198D, W01.198S, W06.XXXA, W06.XXXD, W06.XXXS, W07.XXXA, W07.XXXD, W07.XXXS, W08.XXXA, W08.XXXD, W08.XXXS, W10.0XXA, W10.0XXD, W10.0XXS, W10.1XXA, W10.1XXD, W10.1XXS, W10.2XXA, W10.2XXD, W10.2XXS, W10.8XXA, W10.8XXD, W10.8XXS, W10.9XXA, W10.9XXD, W10.9XXS, W18.00XA, W18.00XD, W18.00XS, W18.02XA, W18.02XD, W18.02XS, W18.09XA, W18.09XD, W18.09XS, W18.11XA, W18.11XD, W18.11XS, W18.12XA, W18.12XD, W18.12XS, W18.2XXA, W18.2XXD, W18.2XXS, W18.30XA, W18.30XD, W18.30XS, W18.31XA, W18.31XD, W18.31XS, W18.39XA, W18.39XD, W18.39XS, W19.XXXA, W19.XXXD, W19.XXXS, Y92.199, Z59.3, Z73.6, Z74.01, Z74.09, Z74.1, Z74.2, Z74.3, Z74.8, Z74.9, Z91.81, Z99.11, Z99.3, Z99.81, Z99.89

- **Codes to identify Advanced Illness:** A81.00, A81.01, A81.09, C25.0, C25.1, C25.2, C25.3, C25.4, C25.7, C25.8, C25.9, C71.0, C71.1, C71.2, C71.3, C71.4, C71.5, C71.6, C71.7, C71.8, C71.9, C77.0, C77.1, C77.2, C77.3, C77.4, C77.5, C77.8, C77.9, C78.00, C78.01, C78.02, C78.1, C78.2, C78.30, C78.39, C78.4, C78.5, C78.6, C78.7, C78.80, C78.89, C79.00, C79.01, C79.02, C79.10, C79.11, C79.19, C79.2, C79.31, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, C79.51, C79.52, C79.60, C79.61, C79.62, C79.70, C79.71, C79.72, C79.81, C79.82, C79.89, C79.9, C91.00, C91.02, C92.00, C92.02, C93.00, C93.02, C93.90, C93.92, C93.Z0, C93.Z2, C94.30, C94.32, F01.50, F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.90, F03.91, F04, F10.27, F10.96, F10.97, G10, G12.21, G20, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, G31.01, G31.09, G31.83, I09.81, I11.0, I12.0, I13.0, I13.11, I13.2, I50.1, I50.20, I50.21, I50.22, I50.23, I50.30, I50.31, I50.32, I50.33, I50.40, I50.41, I50.42, I50.43, I50.810, I50.811, I50.812, I50.813, I50.814, I50.82, I50.83, I50.84, I50.89, I50.9, J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J68.4, J84.10, J84.112, J84.17, J84.170, J84.178, J96.10, J96.11, J96.12, J96.20, J96.21, J96.22, J96.90, J96.91, J96.92, J98.2, J98.3, K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.30, K70.31, K70.40, K70.41, K70.9, K74.0, K74.00, K74.01, K74.02, K74.1, K74.2, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69, N18.5, N18.6

**NUMERATOR:**

Women with one or more mammograms during the 27 months prior to the end of the measurement period

**Definition:**

Mammography screening is defined by a bilateral screening (both breasts) of breast tissue. If only one breast is present, unilateral screening (one side) must be performed on the remaining breast.

**Numerator Instructions:**

This measure evaluates primary screening. Do not count biopsies, breast ultrasounds, or MRIs because they are not appropriate methods for primary breast cancer screening.

***NUMERATOR NOTE:*** Patient reported mammograms, when recorded in the medical record, are acceptable for meeting the numerator.

**Numerator Options:**

**Performance Met:**

Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results documented and reviewed (**G9899**)

**OR**

**Performance Not Met:**

Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified (**G9900**)

## **RATIONALE:**

Breast cancer is one of the most common types of cancers, accounting for 15 percent of all new cancer diagnoses in the U.S. (Howlader et al, 2016). In 2015, over 3 million women were estimated to be living with breast cancer in the U.S. and it is estimated that 12 percent of women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point during their lifetime (Howlader et al, 2016).

While there are other factors that affect a woman's risk of developing breast cancer, advancing age is a primary risk factor. Breast cancer is most frequently diagnosed among women ages 55-64; the median age at diagnosis is 62 years (Howlader et al, 2016).

The chance of a woman being diagnosed with breast cancer in a given year increases with age. By age 40, the chances are 1 in 68; by age 50 it becomes 1 in 43; by age 60, it is 1 in 29 (American Cancer Society, 2017).

## **CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends biennial screening mammography for women aged 50-74 years (B recommendation). (USPSTF, 2016)

The decision to start screening mammography in women prior to age 50 years should be an individual one. Women who place a higher value on the potential benefit than the potential harms may choose to begin biennial screening between the ages of 40 and 49 years (C recommendation). (USPSTF, 2016)

The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening mammography in women aged 75 years or older (I statement). (USPSTF, 2016)

The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the benefits and harms of digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT) as a primary screening method for breast cancer (I Statement). (USPSTF, 2016)

The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of adjunctive screening for breast cancer using breast ultrasonography, magnetic resonance imaging, DBT, or other methods in women identified to have dense breasts on an otherwise negative screening mammogram (I statement). (USPSTF, 2016)

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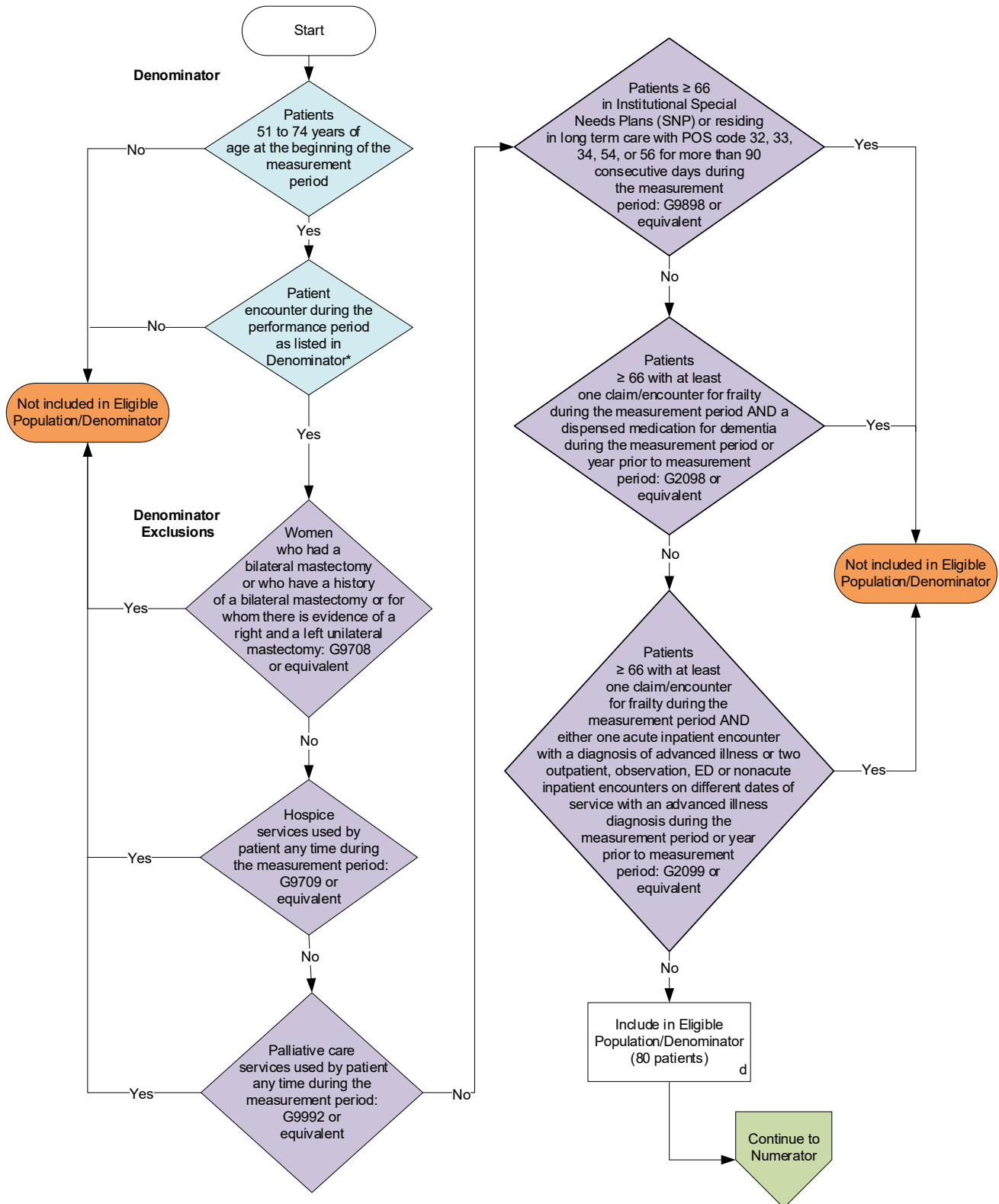
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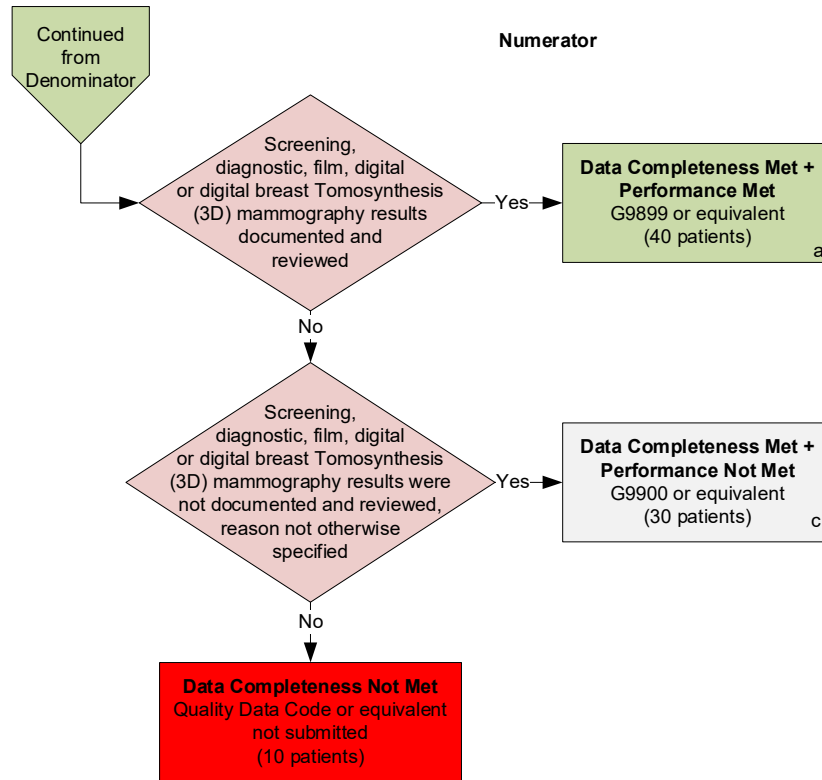
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## 2022 Clinical Quality Measure Flow for Quality ID #112 (NQF 2372): Breast Cancer Screening

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#### SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

**Data Completeness=**

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=30 patients)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=80 patients)}} = \frac{70 \text{ patients}}{80 \text{ patients}} = 87.50\%$$

**Performance Rate=**

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)}}{\text{Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients)}} = \frac{40 \text{ patients}}{70 \text{ patients}} = 57.14\%$$

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NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-Process

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**2022 Clinical Quality Measure Flow Narrative for Quality ID #112 (NQF 2372):  
Breast Cancer Screening**

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1. Start with Denominator
2. Check *Patients 51 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period*:
  - a. If *Patients 51 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period* equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If *Patients 51 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period* equals Yes, proceed to check *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator\**.
3. Check *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator\**:
  - a. If *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator\** equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator\** equals Yes, proceed to *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy*.
4. Check *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy*:
  - a. If *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy* equals No, proceed to *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period*.
5. Check *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period*:
  - a. If *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals No, proceed to *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period*.
6. Check *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period*:
  - a. If *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals No, proceed to *Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period*.
7. Check *Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period*:



- a. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
  - b. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period equals No, proceed to Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period.
8. Check Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period:
- a. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
  - b. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals No, proceed to Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period.
9. Check Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period:
- a. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals No, include in Eligible Population/Denominator.
  - b. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND either one acute inpatient encounter with a diagnosis of advanced illness or two outpatient, observation, ED or nonacute inpatient encounters on different dates of service with an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
10. Denominator Population:
- a. Denominator Population is all Eligible Patients in the Denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 80 patients in the Sample Calculation.

11. Start Numerator

12. Check Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results

*documented and reviewed:*

- a. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results documented and reviewed* equals Yes, include in *Data Completeness Met and Performance Met*.
    - *Data Completeness Met and Performance Met* letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 40 patients in the Sample Calculation.
  - b. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results documented and reviewed* equals No, proceed to *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified*.
13. Check *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified*:
- a. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified* equals Yes, include in the *Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met*.
    - *Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met* letter is represented as Data Completeness in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 30 patients in the Sample Calculation.
  - b. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified* equals No, proceed to check *Data Completeness Not Met*.
14. Check *Data Completeness Not Met*:
- a. If *Data Completeness Not Met*, the Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted. 10 patients have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.

### **Sample Calculations:**

Data Completeness equals Performance Met (a equals 40 patients) plus Performance Not Met (c equals 30 patients) divided by Eligible Population/Denominator (d equals 80 patients). All equals 70 patients divided by 80 patients. All equals 87.50 percent.

Performance Rate equals Performance Met (a equals 40 patients) divided by Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients). All equals 40 patients divided by 70 patients. All equals 57.14 percent.

\*See the posted measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure.

NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-process

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