2021 COLLECTION TYPE:
MEDICARE PART B CLAIMS

MEASURE TYPE:
Process – High Priority

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have an advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record or documentation in the medical record that an advance care plan was discussed but the patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be submitted a minimum of once per performance period for patients seen during the performance period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. 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 the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

NOTE: This measure is appropriate for use in all healthcare settings (e.g., inpatient, nursing home, ambulatory) except the emergency department. For each of these settings, there should be documentation in the medical record(s) that advance care planning was discussed or documented.

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 using Medicare Part B claims. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator quality-data codes included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions allowed by the measure on the claim form(s). All measure-specific coding should be submitted on the claim(s) representing the denominator eligible encounter and selected numerator option.

DENOMINATOR:
All patients aged 65 years and older

DENOMINATOR NOTE: MIPS eligible clinicians indicating the Place of Service as the emergency department will not be included in this measure.

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
Patients aged ≥ 65 years on date of encounter AND
Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT or HCPCS): 90791, 90832, 90834, 90837, 90845, 90846, 90847, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99218, 99219, 99220, 99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99234, 99235, 99236, 99291, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99338, 99339, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, G0402, G0438, G0439 WITHOUT Place of Service (POS): 23
NUMERATOR:
Patients who have an advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record or
documentation in the medical record that an advance care plan was discussed but patient did not wish or was not
able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan

Definition:
Documentation that Patient did not Wish or was not able to Name a Surrogate Decision Maker or
Provide an Advance Care Plan – May also include, as appropriate, the following:
- That the patient’s cultural and/or spiritual beliefs preclude a discussion of advance care planning,
as it would be viewed as harmful to the patient’s beliefs and thus harmful to the physician-patient
relationship.

Numerator Instruction:
If patient’s cultural and/or spiritual beliefs preclude a discussion of advance care planning, submit 1124F.

NUMERATOR NOTE: The CPT Category II codes used for this measure indicate: Advance Care Planning
was discussed and documented. The act of using the Category II codes on a claim indicates the provider
confirmed that the Advance Care Plan was in the medical record (that is, at the point in time the code was
assigned, the Advance Care Plan in the medical record was valid) or that advance care planning was
discussed. The codes are required annually to ensure that the provider either confirms annually that the plan
in the medical record is still appropriate or starts a new discussion.

The provider does not need to review the Advance Care Plan annually with the patient to meet the
numerator criteria; documentation of a previously developed advanced care plan that is still valid in the
medical record meets numerator criteria.

Services typically provided under CPT codes 99497 and 99498 satisfy the requirement of Advance Care
Planning discussed and documented, minutes. If a patient received these types of services, submit CPT II
1123F or 1124F.

Numerator Quality-Data Coding Options:
Patient receiving Hospice Services, Patient Not Eligible:
Denominator Exclusion: G9692: Hospice services received by patient any time during
the measurement period

OR

Advance Care Planning Discussed and Documented
Performance Met: CPT II 1123F: Advance Care Planning discussed and documented;
advance care plan or surrogate decision maker
documented in the medical record

OR

Performance Met: CPT II 1124F: Advance Care Planning discussed and documented
in the medical record; patient did not wish or was not
able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide
an advance care plan

OR

Advance Care Planning not Documented, Reason not Otherwise Specified
Append a submission modifier (8P) to CPT Category II code 1123F to submit circumstances when the
action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.
Performance Not Met: 1123F with 8P: Advance care planning not documented, reason not
otherwise specified

RATIONALE:
It is essential that the patient’s wishes regarding medical treatment be established as much as possible prior to
incapacity. The Work Group has determined that the measure should remain as specified with no required
timeframe based on a review of the literature. Studies have shown that people do change their preferences often
with regard to advanced care planning, but it primarily occurs after a major medical event or other health status
change. In the stable patient, it would be very difficult to define the correct interval. It was felt by the Work Group
that the error rate in simply not having addressed the issue at all is so much more substantial (Teno, 1997) than
the risk that an established plan has become outdated that we should not define a specific timeframe at this
time. As this measure is tested and reviewed, we will continue to evaluate if and when a specific timeframe
should be included.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:
Advance directives are designed to respect patient’s autonomy and determine his/her wishes about future life-
sustaining medical treatment if unable to indicate wishes. Key interventions and treatment decisions to include in
advance directives are: resuscitation procedures, mechanical respiration, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, dialysis,
simple diagnostic tests, pain control, blood products, transfusions, and intentional deep sedation.

Oral statements:
  • Conversations with relatives, friends, and clinicians are most common form; should be
    thoroughly documented in medical record for later reference.
  • Properly verified oral statements carry same ethical and legal weight as those recorded in writing.

Instructional advance directives (DNR orders, living wills):
  • Written instructions regarding the initiation, continuation, withholding, or withdrawal of
  • May be revoked or altered at any time by the patient.
  • Clinicians who comply with such directives are provided legal immunity for such actions.

Durable power of attorney for health care or health care proxy:
  • A written document that enables a capable person to appoint someone else to make future medical
    treatment choices for him or her in the event of decisional incapacity. (AGS)

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization provides the Caring Connection web site, which provides
resources and information on end-of-life care, including a national repository of state-by-state advance directives.

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2021 Medicare Part B Claims Flow for Quality ID #47 (NQF 0326):  
Advance Care Plan

Disclaimer: Refer to the measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure.

**SAMPLE CALCULATIONS**

Data Completeness =  
Denominator Exclusion (x=0 patients) + Performance Met (a1+a2=40 patients) + Performance Not Met (c=30 patients) = 70 patients = 87.50%  
Eligible Population / Denominator (d=80 patients) = 80 patients

Performance Rate =  
Performance Met (a1+a2=40 patients)  
Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients) - Denominator Exclusion (x=0 patients) = 40 patients = 57.14%

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

NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-Process
2021 Medicare Part B Claims Flow Narrative for Quality ID #047 (NQF 0326):
Advance Care Plan

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1. Start with Denominator

2. Check Patients aged greater than or equal to 65 years on date of encounter:
   a. If Patients aged greater than or equal to 65 years on date of encounter equals No, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
   b. If Patients aged greater than or equal to 65 years on date of encounter equals Yes, proceed to 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, include in Eligible Population/Denominator.

4. 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.

5. Start Numerator

6. Check Hospice services received by patient any time during the measurement period:
   a. If Hospice services received by patient any time during the measurement period equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Denominator Exclusion.
      • Data Completeness Met and Denominator Exclusion letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter x equals 0 patients in the Sample Calculation.
   b. If Hospice services received by patient any time during the measurement period equals No, proceed to Advance Care Planning discussed and documented; advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record.

7. Check Advance Care Planning discussed and documented; advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record:
   a. If Advance Care Planning discussed and documented; advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record 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 30 patients in the Sample Calculation.
b. If Advance Care Planning discussed and documented; advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record equals No, proceed to Advance Care Planning discussed and documented in the medical record; patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan.

8. Check Advance Care Planning discussed and documented in the medical record; patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan:

a. If Advance Care Planning discussed and documented in the medical record; patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan 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 a² equals 10 patients in the Sample Calculation.

b. If Advance Care Planning discussed and documented in the medical record; patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan equals No, proceed to Advance Care Planning not documented, reason not otherwise specified.

9. Check Advance Care Planning not documented, reason not otherwise specified:

a. If Advance Care Planning not documented, reason not otherwise specified equals Yes, include in 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 Advance Care Planning not documented, reason not otherwise specified equals No, proceed to Data Completeness Not Met.

10. Check Data Completeness Not Met:

a. If Data Completeness Not Met, the Quality Data Code was not submitted. 10 patients have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.

**Sample Calculations:**

Data Completeness equals Denominator Exclusion (x equals 0 patients) plus Performance Met (a¹ plus a² 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 87.5 percent.

Performance Rate equals Performance Met (a¹ plus a² equals 40) divided by Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients) minus Denominator (d equals 80 patients). All equals 40 patients divided by 70 patients. All equals 57.14 percent.

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NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-process

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