

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) released the new HEDIS technical specifications for 2017.

Summary of Changes

Immunizations for Adolescents:

- Change: At least **two** HPV vaccines with different dates of service on or between the member's 9th and 13th birthday (***applies to both males and females***). There must be at least **146** days between the first and second dose of the HPV vaccine.
 - Example: If the service date for the first vaccine was March 1, then the service date for the second vaccine must be after July 25.

Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults

- New reportable measure for Medi-Cal members: Members 12 years of age and older need to be screened for clinical depression using a standardized tool (i.e. PHQ-2). If screened positive, document follow-up care (i.e. behavioral health encounter, anti-depressant medication, etc.).
- Exclusion:
 - Diagnosis or history of bipolar disorder in 2016 or 2017
 - Diagnosis of depression in 2016
 - In hospice in 2017

Breast Cancer Screening:

- New reportable measure for Medi-Cal members: Women 50-74 years of age need to be screened for breast cancer. All types and methods of mammograms (screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast tomosynthesis) qualify for compliance.
 - Exclusions from breast cancer screening;
 - Medicare members 65 years of age and older living long-term in institutional setting.
 - Bilateral mastectomy



Controlling High Blood Pressure

- Change: Confirmation of hypertension diagnosis may be recorded in any of the following documents on or before June 30th:
 - Problem list
 - Office Note
 - Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan (SOAP)
 - Encounter form
 - Diagnostic report
 - Hospital discharge summary

Comprehensive Diabetes Care

- Update: Additional criteria for eye exam compliance:
 - Bilateral eye enucleation anytime during the member's record through December 31, 2017

Exclusions

- New: Medicare members 65 years of age and older who are long-term residents of an institutional setting can be **excluded** from the following measures:
 - Breast Cancer Screening
 - Colorectal Cancer Screening
 - Controlling High Blood Pressure
 - Osteoporosis management in Women who had a fracture

We highly encourage our providers to order the HEDIS Volume 2 Technical specifications. These specifications have important information on how data is collected and include **complete technical specifications for each measure**.

For information on how to order your HEDIS Volume 2 Technical specifications, please access: <http://store.ncqa.org/index.php/performance-measurement.html>

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