

2023 UDS Clinical Measures Exclusions and Exceptions

The Uniform Data System (UDS) Clinical Measures Exclusions and Exceptions resource was developed to support accurate clinical quality measure reporting on UDS Tables 6B and 7 for the 2023 UDS Report. It is provided to assist health centers with reporting of clinical quality measure numerators and denominators. The denominator exclusions (patient records removed from the denominator before determining if numerator criteria are met) and the denominator exceptions (patient records removed from the denominator because they meet specified exception criteria) are excerpted from the full reporting criteria.

Please visit the [Uniform Data System \(UDS\) Training and Technical Assistance](#) page to view other clinical quality measure reporting guidance and other UDS reporting resources.

Measure	Denominator	
	Exclusions	Exceptions
Childhood Immunization Status CMS117v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with any of the following on or before the child's second birthday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe combined immunodeficiency Immunodeficiency HIV Lymphoreticular cancer, multiple myeloma or leukemia Intussusception Children who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Cervical Cancer Screening CMS124v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women who had a hysterectomy with no residual cervix or a congenital absence of cervix. Patients who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. Patients who received palliative care during the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable

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Breast Cancer Screening CMS125v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Patients who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. Patients aged 66 and older by the end of the measurement period who are living long-term in an institution for more than 90 days during the measurement period. Patients aged 66 and older with frailty for any part of the measurement period: advanced illness (with one inpatient visit or two outpatient visits) or taking dementia medications during the measurement period or the year prior Patients who received palliative care during the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents CMS155v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who have a diagnosis of pregnancy during the measurement period. Patients who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan CMS69v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who were pregnant at any time during the measurement period. Patients who received palliative or hospice care at any time during the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who refuse measurement of height and/or weight. Patients with a documented medical reason for not documenting BMI or for not documenting a follow-up plan for a BMI outside normal parameters (e.g., elderly patients 65 years of age or older for whom weight reduction/weight gain would complicate other underlying health conditions such as illness or physical disability, mental illness, dementia, confusion, nutritional deficiency such as vitamin/mineral deficiency, or patients in an urgent or emergent medical situation where time is of the essence and to delay treatment would jeopardize the patient's health status).

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Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention CMS138v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Statin Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease CMS347v6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who were breastfeeding at any time during the measurement period. Patients who had a diagnosis of rhabdomyolysis at any time during the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with statin-associated muscle symptoms or an allergy to statin medication. Patients who were receiving palliative or hospice care. Patients with active liver disease or hepatic disease or insufficiency. Patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Patients with documentation of a medical reason for not being prescribed statin therapy.
Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antiplatelet CMS164v7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who had documentation of use of anticoagulant medications overlapping the measurement period. Patients who were in hospice care during the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Colorectal Cancer Screening CMS130v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with a diagnosis or past history colorectal cancer or total colectomy. Patients who were receiving palliative or hospice care for any part of the measurement period. Patients aged 66 or older by the end of the measurement period who are living long-term in an institution for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period. Patients aged 66 and older by the end of the measurement period with an indication of frailty for any part of the measurement period who also met any of the following advanced illness criteria: advanced illness with one inpatient visit or two outpatient visits during the measurement period or the year prior; or taking dementia medications during the measurement period or the year prior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable

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HIV Linkage to Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
HIV Screening CMS349v5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients diagnosed with HIV prior to the start of the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan CMS2v12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder at any time prior to the qualifying visit, regardless of whether the diagnosis is active or not. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who refuse to participate. Medical Reason(s), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who are in urgent or emergent situations where time is of the essence and to delay treatment would jeopardize the patient's health status. Patients with documentation of medical reason for not screening patient for depression (e.g., cognitive, functional, or motivational limitations) that may impact the accuracy of results.
Depression Remission at Twelve Months CMS159v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, personality disorder emotionally labile, schizophrenia, psychotic disorder, or pervasive developmental disorder. Patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> who died. who received hospice or palliative care services. who were permanent nursing home residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years CMS277v0¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children for whom all first permanent molars are non-sealable (i.e., molars are either decayed, filled, currently sealed, or un-erupted/missing)

¹ Access measure details in the [Clinical Care](#) section of the UDS Training and Technical Assistance website.

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Controlling High Blood Pressure CMS165v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients with evidence of ESRD, dialysis, or renal transplant before or during the measurement period. • Patients with a diagnosis of pregnancy during the measurement period. • Patients who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. • Patients aged 66 or older by the end of the measurement period who are living long-term in a nursing home any time on or before the end of the measurement period. • Patients aged 66–80 by the end of the measurement period with an indication of frailty for any part of the measurement period who also meet any of the following advanced illness criteria: advanced illness with one inpatient visit or two outpatient visits or taking dementia medications during the measurement period or the year prior. • Patients 81 or older by the end of the measurement period with an indication of frailty for any part of the measurement period. • Patients who received palliative care for any part of the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable

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Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0 percent) CMS122v11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients who were in hospice care for any part of the measurement period. Patients aged 66 or older by the end of the measurement period who were living long-term in a nursing home any time on or before the end of during the measurement period. Patients aged 66 or older by the end of the measurement period with an indication of frailty for any part of the measurement period who also meet any of the following advanced illness criteria: advanced illness with one inpatient visit or two outpatient visits or taking dementia medications during the measurement period or the year prior. Patients receiving palliative care for any part of the measurement period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Low Birth Weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stillbirths or miscarriages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
Early Entry into Prenatal Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable