



# Care for Older Adults (COA)

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## HEDIS Measure

This HEDIS measure looks at the percentage of adults 66 years of age and older who had each of the following during the measurement year:

- Medication review
- Functional status assessment

## Numerator

D-SNP plan enrollees 66 years and older who received at least one medication review conducted by a prescribing practitioner or clinical pharmacist during the measurement year and the presence of a medication list in the medical record. DSNP plan enrollees 66 years and older who received at least one functional status assessment during the measurement year.

## Denominator (Eligible Patients)

Patients 66 years of age and older as of December 31st of the measurement year enrolled in a Special Needs Plan

## Exclusions:

- Patients who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year
- Patients who die any time during the measurement year

## Closing the Gap

Documentation needed — medication review:

- A medication list, signed and dated during the measurement year, by the prescribing practitioner or clinical pharmacist
- At least one medication review, signed and dated, conducted by the prescribing provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., P.A.) or a clinical pharmacist and the presence of a medication list in the chart
- Notation with date that the patient is not taking any medication
- Medication List and Medication Review Codes:
  - 90863 Pharmacologic management performed with psychotherapy services
  - 99483 Assessment of and care planning for person with cognitive impairment (must include a reconciliation and review of high-risk medications).
  - 99605 Medication management by pharmacist (new patient)
  - 99606 Medication management by pharmacist (established patient)
- CPT II: 1159F-medication list and 1160f-medication review (must use both CPTII Codes to close the measure)
- Does not require the patient to be present
- Do not include codes with a modifier
- Do not include services provided in an acute inpatient setting

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## Documentation Needed Functional Status

Must include one of the following and the date the assessment was performed:

- Documentation in the medical record must include evidence of a complete functional status assessment and the date when it was performed:
  - Notations for a complete functional status assessment must include one of the following:
    - Notation that activities of daily living (ADL) were assessed or that at least five of the following were assessed: bathing, dressing, eating, transferring (for example, getting in and out of chairs), using the toilet, walking
    - Notation that instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) were assessed or at least four of the following were assessed: shopping for groceries, driving or using public transportation, using the telephone, cooking or meal preparation, housework, home repair, laundry, taking medications, handling finances
    - Result of assessment using a standardized functional status assessment tool

### Functional status assessment codes:

- CPT: 99483
- CPT II: 1170F: Functional Status Assessed

## Best Practices:

- Include a medication review and pain assessment at every visit.
- Mandate completion of medication review and functional status assessment within structured encounter data.

## Let's Work Together

Measure is closed via:

- Claims
- Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (CCDA)
- SFTP/Flat files
- Cotiviti



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Note: A functional status assessment limited to an acute or single condition, event, or body system (for example, lower back, leg) does not meet the criteria for a comprehensive functional status assessment. The components of the functional status assessment numerator may take place during separate visits within the measurement year. Do not include comprehensive functional status assessments performed in an acute inpatient setting.

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