

## Optimizing Patient Health Outcomes and HEDIS Scores Through Accurate Documentation

Accurate documentation is crucial for improving patient outcomes and optimizing Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS<sup>®1</sup>) scores. We would like to emphasize the importance of this for all HEDIS measures including statins, diabetic eye exams, childhood immunization status with infant flu vaccination, and cancer screenings (cervical, breast, and colorectal cancer).

### Why Accurate Documentation Matters

Accurate documentation in the patient's medical record enables health care providers to track patient health status, identify care gaps, and provide targeted interventions to improve outcomes. It also ensures compliance with HEDIS quality requirements which evaluate the quality of care delivered by health care providers.

**CPT II codes** provide valuable information about patients' health, track performance measures, and help identify opportunities for improvement. They describe clinical components of evaluation and management services, test results, and other measurable data for quality of care. They do not have a fee schedule attached and do not replace other CPT codes. Additional information is available on best practices for [accurate documentation](#).

### Highlighting Important HEDIS Measures

#### Statin Therapy

- Clearly document the type and intensity of statin medications prescribed as well as adherence in the patient's medical record, using specific CPT II and ICD-10 codes.
- Document all applicable diagnosis codes, such as pregnancy or ESRD.
- Refer to the related HEDIS measure guidelines:
  - [Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease \(SPC\)](#)
  - [Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes \(SPD-E\)](#)

#### Diabetic Eye Exams

- Clearly document eye exam dates and results in the patient's medical record, including CPT codes such as 92229 and CPT II Codes such as 2022F-2033F.
- Ensure an eye care professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist) performs the exams.
- Refer to the related HEDIS measure guidelines:
  - [Comprehensive Diabetes Care Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes \(EED\)](#)

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## Cancer Screenings

- Clearly document the screening exam dates and results in the patient's medical record to ensure accurate tracking.
- Use specific information including ICD-10 and CPT codes, such as 77061-77063 for mammograms, 88141-88143 for cervical cytology lab test, and Q51.5 for absence of cervix diagnosis.
- Refer to the related HEDIS measure guidelines:
  - [Breast Cancer Screening \(BCS\)](#)
  - [Colorectal Cancer Screening \(COL\)](#)
  - [Cervical Cancer Screening \(CCS\)](#)

## Flu Vaccinations for Infants

- Clearly document vaccination dates and results in the patient's medical record, including CPT codes, such as 90655, 90657, 90660-90662, 90672-90673, and 90685-90689.
- Ensure vaccinations are administered according to the recommended schedule and document any medical contraindications or religious objections.
- Refer to the related HEDIS measure guidelines:
  - [Childhood Immunization Status \(CIS\)](#)

## Best Practices for Accurate Documentation:

- Clearly document dates and results of screenings and exams in the patient's medical record.
- Use specific CPT and ICD-10 codes to ensure accurate tracking.
- Regularly review and update patient records to reflect changes in care.

Thank you for your commitment to focusing on accurate documentation for these key HEDIS measures, which helps improve the quality of care provided to our members.

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