

Closing HEDIS Quality Care Gaps with Patient-Reported Diabetic Eye Exam Results

The Eye Exam in Patients with Diabetes (EED) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS^{®1}) quality measure is a crucial aspect of comprehensive diabetes care. These screenings detect early signs of retinopathy and help prevent vision loss for patients with diabetes. By prioritizing the EED measure, you can promote timely and effective eye care. Ensuring documentation of completed eye exams also helps close quality care gaps and improves HEDIS performance.

What Providers Can Do

Patients often receive their diabetic eye exams from an optometrist or ophthalmologist, and results may not always be shared with your office to be stored in the medical record. You can close quality care gaps by patient verification:

- During routine visits, ask the patient if they have had a dilated retinal eye exam in the past year.
- Document the date of the exam and the provider/clinic where the eye exam was performed in the medical record.

Acceptable Documentation of Patient-Reported Results

Patients can provide a copy of their exam report, visit summary, or physician note. If the report is unavailable, the patient can provide details of the eye exam (date, eye care provider, and result) so it can be documented in the medical record.

For quality care gap closure, use the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology Category II (CPT[®] II) codes along with the date of service to indicate results:

- **2022F** Dilated retinal eye exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed, with evidence of retinopathy.
- **2023F** Dilated retinal eye exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed, without evidence of retinopathy.

Please remind your patients of the importance of having an annual eye exam to monitor their eye health. We also encourage you to provide referrals to in-network ophthalmology/optometry providers when needed.

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