

## **Medication Reconciliation (IMR)**

### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO HEDIS 2009**

- First-year measure.

#### **Description**

The percentage of discharges from January 1 to November 1 of the measurement year for members 65 years of age and older for whom medications were reconciled after discharge. Two rates are reported.

1. The percentage of discharges for which medication reconciliation was conducted within 30 days of discharge.
2. The percentage of discharges for which medication reconciliation was conducted within 60 days of discharge.

#### **Definitions**

**Medication reconciliation** Comparison of a member's medication orders prior to admission with medication orders at time of discharge.

#### **Eligible Population**

**Product line** Medicare.

**Ages** 66 years and older as of December 31 of the measurement year.

**Continuous enrollment** Date of discharge through 60 days after discharge.

**Allowable gap** None.

**Anchor date** Enrolled as of December 31 of the measurement year.

**Benefit** Medical.

#### **Event/diagnosis**

**30-day reconciliation** Member discharges from an acute or nonacute inpatient setting on or between January 1 and November 1 of the measurement year.

The denominator for this measure is based on discharges, not members. Include all discharges for members who have one or more discharges on or between January 1 and November 1 of the measurement year.

**60-day reconciliation** Member discharges from an acute or non-acute inpatient setting on or between January 1 and November 1 of the measurement year.

The denominator for this measure is based on discharges, not members. Include all discharges for members who have one or more discharges on or between January 1 and November 1 of the measurement year.

**Readmission or direct transfer** If the discharge is followed by a readmission or direct transfer to an *acute or non-acute facility* within the 30-day (for rate 1) or 60-day (for rate 2) follow-up period, count only the readmission discharge or the discharge from the facility to which the member was transferred.

Exclude both the initial discharge and the readmission/direct transfer discharge if the readmission/direct transfer discharge occurs after November 1 of the measurement year.

### Administrative Specification

**Denominator** The eligible population.

**Numerators**

**30-day reconciliation** Medication reconciliation within 30 days after discharge. A member had medication reconciliation if a submitted claim/encounter contains any code in Table IMR-A.

**60-day reconciliation** Medication reconciliation within 60 days after discharge. A member had medication reconciliation if a submitted claim/encounter contains any code in Table IMR-A.

**Table IMR-A: Codes to Identify Medication Reconciliation**

HCPCS	CPT II	Description
G8256	TBD	Clinician documented reconciliation of discharge medications with current medication list in the medical record

### Hybrid Specification

**Denominator** A systematic sample drawn from the eligible population. The organization may reduce the sample size using the current year’s administrative rate. Refer to the *Guidelines for Calculations and Sampling* for information on reducing the sample size.

**Numerators**

**30-day reconciliation** Medication reconciliation, as documented through either administrative data or medical record review within 30 days of discharge.

**60-day reconciliation** Medication reconciliation, as documented through either administrative data or medical record review within 60 days of discharge.

**Administrative** Refer to the *Administrative Specification* above to identify positive numerator hits from the administrative data.

**Medical record** Documentation in the medical record must include evidence of medication reconciliation and the date on which it was performed must be within the 30-day or 60-day time frame.

Evidence of medication reconciliation must include a notation of the medications prescribed in the in-patient facility at discharge or a notation that no medications were prescribed at the time of discharge.

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## Data Elements for Reporting

Organizations that submit HEDIS data to NCQA must provide the following data elements.

**Table IMR-3: Data Elements for Medication Reconciliation**

	Administrative	Hybrid
Measurement year	✓	✓
Data collection methodology (Administrative or Hybrid)	✓	✓
Eligible population	✓	✓
Number of numerator events by administrative data in eligible population (before exclusions)		✓
Current year's administrative rate (before exclusions)		✓
Minimum required sample size (MRSS) or other sample size		✓
Oversampling rate		✓
Final sample size (FSS)		✓
Number of numerator events by administrative data in FSS		✓
Administrative rate on FSS		✓
Number of original sample records excluded because of valid data errors		✓
Number of administrative data records excluded		✓
Number of medical record data records excluded		✓
Number of employee/dependent medical records excluded		✓
Records added from the oversample list		✓
Denominator		✓
Numerator events by administrative data	✓	✓
Numerator events by medical records		✓
Reported rate	✓	✓
Lower 95% confidence interval	✓	✓
Upper 95% confidence interval	✓	✓