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- *Blindness is not an exclusion for a diabetic eye exam, because it is difficult to distinguish between individuals who are legally blind but require a retinal exam and those who are completely blind and therefore do not require an exam.*
- ~~*Hypertensive retinopathy is not handled differently from diabetic retinopathy when reporting this measure; for example, an eye exam documented as positive for hypertensive retinopathy is counted as positive for diabetic retinopathy and an eye exam documented as negative for hypertensive retinopathy is counted as negative for diabetic retinopathy. The intent of this measure is to ensure that members with evidence of any type of retinopathy have an eye exam annually, while members who remain free of retinopathy (i.e., the retinal exam was negative for retinopathy) are screened every other year.*~~
- ~~*An eye exam result documented as “unknown” does not meet criteria.*~~

**Data Elements for Reporting**

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

**Table EED-1/2: Data Elements for Eye Exam for Patients With Diabetes**

Metric	Data Element	Reporting Instructions	A
EyeExams	<del>CollectionMethod</del>	<del>Report once</del>	<del>✗</del>
	EligiblePopulation	Report once	✓
	ExclusionAdminRequired	Report once	✓
	<del>NumeratorByAdminElig</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	<del>CYAR</del>	<del>(Percent)</del>	
	<del>MinReqSampleSize</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	<del>OversampleRate</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	<del>OversampleRecordsNumber</del>	<del>(Count)</del>	
	<del>ExclusionValidDataErrors</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	<del>ExclusionEmployeeOrDep</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	<del>OversampleRecsAdded</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	<del>Denominator</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	NumeratorByAdmin	Report once	✓
	<del>NumeratorByMedicalRecords</del>	<del>Report once</del>	
	NumeratorBySupplemental	Report once	✓
Rate	(Percent)	✓	

**Table EED-3: Data Elements for Eye Exam for Patients With Diabetes**

Metric	SES Stratification	Data Element	Reporting Instructions	A
EyeExams	NonLisDeNondisability	<del>CollectionMethod</del>	<del>Repeat per Stratification</del>	✓
	LisDe	EligiblePopulation	For each Stratification	✓
	Disability	ExclusionAdminRequired	For each Stratification	✓
	LisDeAndDisability	<del>NumeratorByAdminElig</del>	<del>For each Stratification</del>	
	Other	<del>CYAR</del>	<del>Only for Total (Percent)</del>	
	Unknown	<del>MinReqSampleSize</del>	<del>Repeat per Stratification</del>	
	Total	<del>OversampleRate</del>	<del>Repeat per Stratification</del>	
		<del>OversampleRecordsNumber</del>	<del>(Count)</del>	
		<del>ExclusionValidDataErrors</del>	<del>Repeat per Stratification</del>	
		<del>ExclusionEmployeeOrDep</del>	<del>Repeat per Stratification</del>	
		<del>OversampleRecsAdded</del>	<del>Repeat per Stratification</del>	
		<del>Denominator</del>	<del>For each Stratification</del>	
		NumeratorByAdmin	For each Stratification	✓
		<del>NumeratorByMedicalRecords</del>	<del>For each Stratification</del>	
		NumeratorBySupplemental	For each Stratification	✓
		Rate	(Percent)	✓

## HEDIS Health Plan Denominator Size: Diabetes Denominator

The following tables summarize the average diabetes denominator size and distribution for each product line for HEDIS measurement years 2020 and 2021.

**Table 1. HEDIS Diabetes Denominator Size—Commercial Plans**

Measurement Year	Total Number of Plans (N)	Denominator Size (N)						
		Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
2021	404	12,599	22,274	616	1,454	4,257	13,248	34,228
2020	389	12,644	22,787	644	1,498	3,923	13,005	34,269

**Table 2. HEDIS Diabetes Denominator Size—Medicare Plans**

Measurement Year	Total Number of Plans (N)	Denominator Size (N)						
		Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
2021	633	8,398	25,087	125	416	1,830	6,415	17,300
2020	578	8,558	24,704	125	446	1,809	7150	18,059

**Table 2. HEDIS Diabetes Denominator Size—Medicaid Plans**

Measurement Year	Total Number of Plans (N)	Denominator Size (N)						
		Mean	Standard Deviation	10th Percentile	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	90th Percentile
2021	207	10,416	13,701	871	2,246	6,183	13,587	21,381
2020	199	8,841	12,332	420	1,712	5,311	11,197	19,185