

Quality ID #19 (NQF 0089): Diabetic Retinopathy: Communication with the Physician Managing Ongoing Diabetes Care

– National Quality Strategy Domain: Communication and Care Coordination

– Meaningful Measure Area: Transfer of Health Information and Interoperability

2020 COLLECTION TYPE:

MIPS CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)

MEASURE TYPE:

Process – High Priority

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed with documented communication to the physician who manages the ongoing care of the patient with diabetes mellitus regarding the findings of the macular or fundus exam at least once within 12 months

INSTRUCTIONS:

This measure is to be submitted a minimum of **once per performance period** for all patients with diabetic retinopathy seen during the performance period. It is anticipated that Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who provide the primary management of patients with diabetic retinopathy (in either one or both eyes) will submit this measure.

Measure Submission Type:

Measure data may be submitted by individual MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions as allowed by the measure. The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries that utilize this modality for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

DENOMINATOR:

All patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed

DENOMINATOR NOTE: *Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for MIPS CQMs.

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter

AND

Diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy (ICD-10-CM): E08.311, E08.319, E08.3211, E08.3212, E08.3213, E08.3291, E08.3292, E08.3293, E08.3311, E08.3312, E08.3313, E08.3391, E08.3392, E08.3393, E08.3411, E08.3412, E08.3413, E08.3491, E08.3492, E08.3493, E08.3511, E08.3512, E08.3513, E08.3521, E08.3522, E08.3523, E08.3531, E08.3532, E08.3533, E08.3541, E08.3542, E08.3543, E08.3551, E08.3552, E08.3553, E08.3591, E08.3592, E08.3593, E09.311, E09.319, E09.3211, E09.3212, E09.3213, E09.3291, E09.3292, E09.3293, E09.3311, E09.3312, E09.3313, E09.3391, E09.3392, E09.3393, E09.3411, E09.3412, E09.3413, E09.3491, E09.3492, E09.3493, E09.3511, E09.3512, E09.3513, E09.3521, E09.3522, E09.3523, E09.3531, E09.3532, E09.3533, E09.3541, E09.3542, E09.3543, E09.3551, E09.3552, E09.3553, E09.3591, E09.3592, E09.3593, E10.311, E10.319, E10.3211, E10.3212, E10.3213, E10.3291, E10.3292, E10.3293, E10.3311, E10.3312, E10.3313, E10.3391, E10.3392, E10.3393, E10.3411, E10.3412, E10.3413, E10.3491, E10.3492, E10.3493, E10.3511, E10.3512, E10.3513, E10.3521, E10.3522, E10.3523, E10.3531, E10.3532, E10.3533,

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AND

Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT): 92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 99201, 9202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241*, 99242*, 99243*, 99244*, 99245*, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337

WITHOUT

Telehealth Modifier: GQ, GT, 95, POS 02

AND

Dilated macular or fundus exam performed, including documentation of the presence or absence of macular edema and level of severity of retinopathy: G8397

NUMERATOR:

Patients with documentation, at least once within 12 months, of the findings of the dilated macular or fundus exam via communication to the physician who manages the patient's diabetic care

Definitions:

Communication – May include documentation in the medical record indicating that the findings of the dilated macular or fundus exam were communicated (e.g., verbally, by letter) with the clinician managing the patient's diabetic care OR a copy of a letter in the medical record to the clinician managing the patient's diabetic care outlining the findings of the dilated macular or fundus exam.

Findings – Includes level of severity of retinopathy (e.g., mild nonproliferative, moderate nonproliferative, severe nonproliferative, very severe nonproliferative, proliferative) AND the presence or absence of macular edema.

NUMERATOR NOTE: Denominator Exception(s) are determined on the date of the denominator eligible encounter.

Numerator Options:

Performance Met:

Findings of dilated macular or fundus exam communicated to the physician or other qualified health care professional managing the diabetes care **(5010F)**

OR

Denominator Exception:

Documentation of medical reason(s) for not communicating the findings of the dilated macular or fundus exam to the physician or other qualified health care professional managing the ongoing care of the patient with diabetes **(5010F with 1P)**

OR

Denominator Exception:

Documentation of patient reason(s) for not communicating the findings of the dilated macular or fundus exam to the physician or other qualified health care professional managing the ongoing care of the patient with diabetes **(5010F with 2P)**

OR

Performance Not Met:

Findings of dilated macular or fundus exam were not communicated to the physician or other qualified health care professional managing the diabetes care, reason not otherwise specified **(5010F with 8P)**

RATIONALE:

The primary care physician that manages the ongoing care of the patient with diabetes should be aware of the patient's dilated eye examination and severity of retinopathy to manage the ongoing diabetes care. Such communication is important in assisting the physician to better manage the diabetes. Several studies have shown that better management of diabetes is directly related to lower rates of development of diabetic eye disease (Diabetes Control and Complications Trial – DCCT, UK Prospective Diabetes Study – UKPDS).

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

The ophthalmologist should refer patients with diabetes to a primary care physician for appropriate management of their systemic condition and should communicate examination results to the physician managing the patient's ongoing diabetes care (III; Good Quality; Strong recommendation) (American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2017).

Ophthalmologists should communicate the ophthalmologic findings and level of retinopathy with the primary care physician as well as the need for optimizing metabolic control (III; Good Quality; Strong Recommendation) (American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2017).

Close partnership with the primary care physician is important to make sure that the care of the patient is optimized (III; Good Quality; Strong Recommendation) (American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2017).

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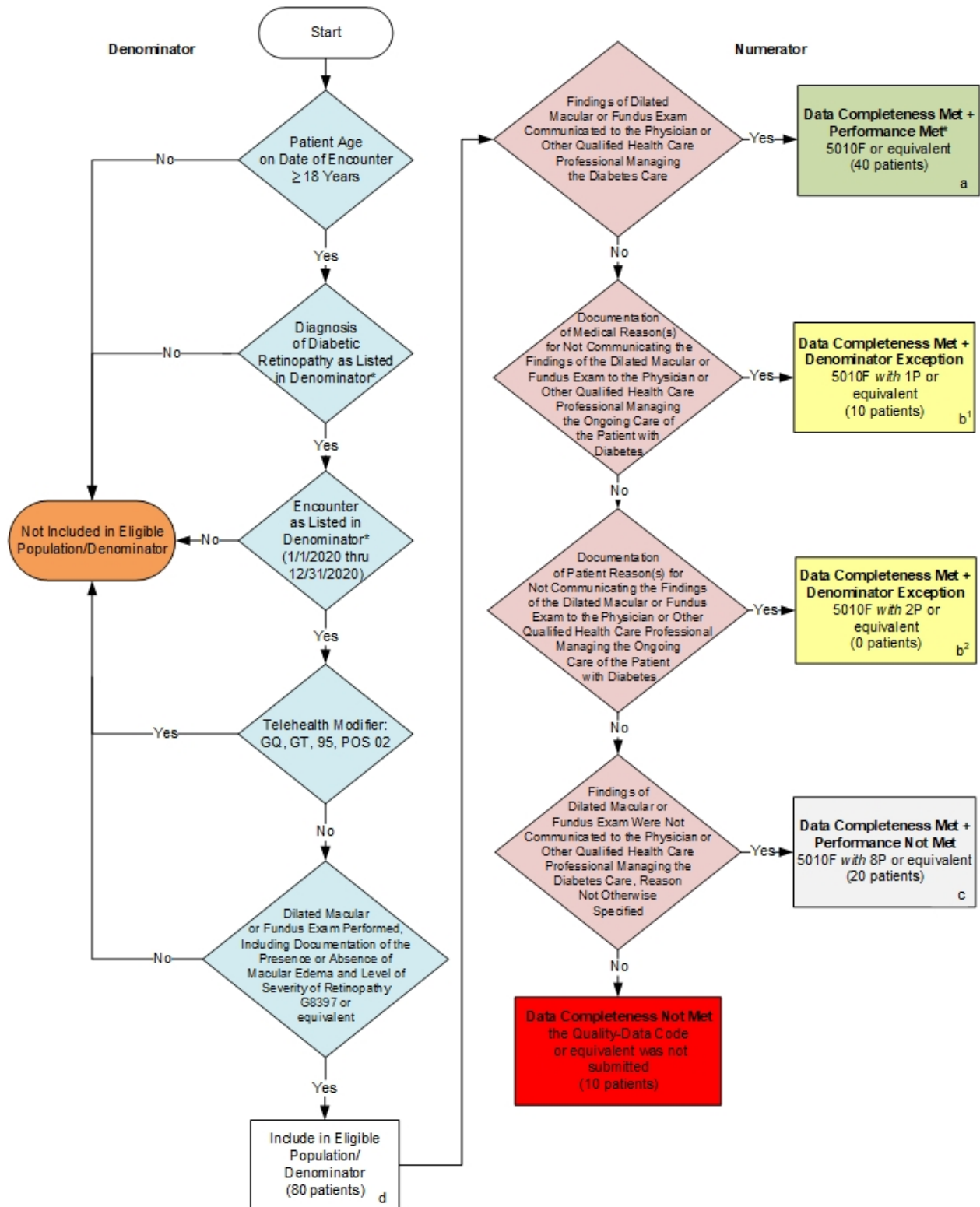
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**2020 Clinical Quality Measure Flow for Quality ID #19 NQF #0089:
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SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:

Data Completeness=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)} + \text{Denominator Exception (b}^1+\text{b}^2=10 \text{ patients)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=20 patients)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=80 patients)}} = \frac{70 \text{ patients}}{80 \text{ patients}} = 87.50\%$$

Performance Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)}}{\text{Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients) – Denominator Exception (b}^1+\text{b}^2=10 \text{ patients)}} = \frac{40 \text{ patients}}{60 \text{ patients}} = 66.67\%$$

*See the posted measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure.

NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-Process

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**2020 Clinical Quality Measure Flow Narrative for Quality ID #19 NQF #0089:
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1. Start with Denominator
2. Check Patient Age:
 - a. If Patient Age on Date of Encounter is greater than or equal to 18 Years equals No during the measurement period, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Patient Age on Date of Encounter is greater than or equal to 18 Years equals Yes during the measurement period, proceed to check Patient Diagnosis.
3. Check Patient Diagnosis:
 - a. If Diagnosis of Diabetic Retinopathy as Listed in Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Diagnosis of Diabetic Retinopathy as Listed in Denominator equals Yes, proceed to check Encounter Performed.
4. Check Encounter Performed:
 - a. If Encounter as Listed in Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Encounter as Listed in Denominator equals Yes, proceed to check Telehealth Modifier.
5. Check Telehealth Modifier:
 - a. If Telehealth Modifier equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Telehealth Modifier equals No, proceed to check Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Performed, Including Documentation of the Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy.
6. Check Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Performed, Including Documentation of the Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy:
 - a. If Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Performed, Including Documentation of the Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy equals No, do not include in Eligible Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Performed, Including Documentation of the Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and Level of Severity of Retinopathy equals Yes, include in Eligible Population.
7. Denominator Population:
 - a. Denominator Population is all Eligible Patients in the Denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 80 patients in the Sample Calculation.
8. Start Numerator

9. Check Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care:
 - a. If Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
 - b. Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 40 patients in the Sample Calculation.
 - c. If Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care equals No, proceed to check Documentation of Medical Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes.
10. Check Documentation of Medical Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes:
 - a. If Documentation of Medical Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Denominator Exception.
 - b. Data Completeness Met and Denominator Exception letter is represented in the Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter b¹ equals 10 patients in the Sample Calculation.
 - c. If Documentation of Medical Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes equals No, proceed to check Documentation of Patient Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes.
11. Check Documentation of Patient Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes:
 - a. If Documentation of Patient Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing Care of the Patient with Diabetes equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Denominator Exception.
 - b. Data Completeness Met and Denominator Exception letter is represented in the Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter b² equals 0 patients in the Sample Calculation.
 - c. If Documentation of Patient Reason(s) for Not Communicating the Findings of the Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Ongoing

Care of the Patient with Diabetes equals No, proceed to check Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Were Not Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care, Reason Not Otherwise Specified.

12. Check Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Were Not Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care, Reason Not Otherwise Specified:
 - a. If Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Were Not Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care, Reason Not Otherwise Specified equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met.
 - b. Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met letter is represented in the Data Completeness in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 20 patients in the Sample Calculation.
 - c. If Findings of Dilated Macular or Fundus Exam Were Not Communicated to the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional Managing the Diabetes Care, Reason Not Otherwise Specified equals No, proceed to check Data Completeness Not Met.
13. Check Data Completeness Not Met:
 - a. If Data Completeness Not Met, the Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted. 10 patients have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.

SAMPLE CALCULATION S:

Data Completeness=
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Performance Rate=
$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)}}{\text{Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients) - Denominator Exception (b}^1\text{+b}^2\text{=10 patients)}} = \frac{40 \text{ patients}}{60 \text{ patients}} = 66.67\%$$