

2013 Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Narrative Specification Release Notes

CMS is pleased to announce the release of the 2013 ACO Narrative Specification Release Notes. The list below details changes to existing measures made since the release of the 2012 ACO Narrative Measure Specifications, dated December 12, 2011. These Release Notes correspond to the posted 2013 ACO Narrative Specifications, dated December 21, 2012.

INTRODUCTION

Updated text where appropriate; updated measure titles in measures table

ACO 1-7:

Deleted web address (CAHPS survey sent separately) and updated text for tense changes

ACO 8: Risk-Standardized All Condition Readmission

NO CHANGES

ACO 9 (NQF #0275; AHRQ PQI #05): Ambulatory Sensitive Conditions Admissions: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) or Asthma in Older Adults (ACO version 1.0)

Updated description, title, numerator and denominator

ACO 10 (NQF #0277; AHRQ PQI #08): Ambulatory Sensitive Conditions Admissions: Heart Failure (HF) (ACO version 1.0)

Updated description, title, numerator and denominator

Minor changes to rationale and clinical recommendation statement (changed CHF to HF).

ACO 11 (CMS): Percent of Primary Care Physicians who Successfully Qualify for an EHR Program Incentive Payment

Updated denominator and added denominator exclusions

Updated clinical recommendation statement (regarding the Stage 1, 2, and 3)

ACO 12 (GPRO CARE-1) (NQF #0097): Medication Reconciliation

Updated Title, Description, and Denominator

ACO 13 (GPRO CARE-2) (NQF #0101): Falls: Screening for Future Fall Risk

Updated Title

ACO 14 (GPRO PREV-7) (NQF #0041): Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization

Updated Title, Description, Denominator, and Numerator

ACO 15 (GPRO PREV-8) (NQF #0043): Preventive Care and Screening: Pneumococcal Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older

Updated Title, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

ACO 16 (GPRO PREV-9) (NQF #0421): Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up

Updated Title, Description, Denominator, Numerator, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

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ACO 17 (GPRO PREV-10) (NQF #0028): Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention

Updated Title, Denominator and Numerator

ACO 18 (GPRO PREV-12) (NQF #0418): Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan

Updated Title, Description, Denominator and Numerator

ACO 19 (GPRO PREV-6) (NQF #0034): Preventive Care and Screening: Colorectal Cancer Screening

Updated Title

ACO 20 (GPRO PREV-5) (NQF #0031): Preventive Care and Screening: Breast Cancer Screening

Updated Title and Clinical Recommendation Statements

ACO 21 (GPRO PREV-11) (CMS): Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented

Updated Title, Description, Denominator, Numerator, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

ACO 22 (GPRO DM-15) (NQF #0729): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Diabetes Mellitus: Hemoglobin A1c Control (< 8%)

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title and Denominator

ACO 23 (GPRO DM-14) (NQF #0729): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Diabetes Mellitus: Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title and Denominator

ACO 24 (GPRO DM-13) (NQF #0729): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Diabetes Mellitus: High Blood Pressure Control

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title and Denominator

ACO 25 (GPRO DM-17) (NQF #0729): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Diabetes Mellitus: Tobacco Non-Use

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title, Description, Denominator and Numerator

ACO 26 (GPRO DM-16) (NQF #0729): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Diabetes Mellitus: Daily Aspirin or Antiplatelet Medication Use for Patients with Diabetes and Ischemic Vascular Disease

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title, Description, Denominator and Numerator

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ACO 27 (GPRO DM-2) (NQF #0059): Diabetes Mellitus: Hemoglobin A1c Poor Control

Updated Title, Denominator, Rationale, and Clinical Recommendation Statements

ACO 28 (GPRO HTN-2) (NQF #0018): Hypertension (HTN): Controlling High Blood Pressure

Updated Title, Rationale and Clinical Recommendation Statements

ACO 29 (GPRO IVD-1) (NQF #0075): Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Profile and Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control

Updated Title and Denominator

ACO 30 (GPRO IVD-2) (NQF #0068): Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic

Updated Title, Description and Denominator

ACO 31 (GPRO HF-6) (NQF #0083): Heart Failure: Beta-Blocker Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD)

Updated Title, Description, Denominator, and Numerator

ACO 32 (GPRO CAD-2) (NQF #0074): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Control

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title and Denominator

ACO 33 (GPRO CAD-7) (NQF #0066): Composite (All or Nothing Scoring): Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy - Diabetes or Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVEF < 40%)

Included upfront composite statement

Updated Title and Denominator