Measure description

This measure captures the percentage of members 40–75 years of age during the measurement year with diabetes who do not have clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) who met the following criteria. Two rates are reported:

1. Received Statin Therapy. Members who were dispensed at least one statin medication of any intensity during the measurement year.
2. Statin Adherence 80%. Members who remained on a statin medication of any intensity for at least 80% of the treatment period.

Eligible population

Members 40–75 years as of December 31 of the measurement year with a diagnosis of diabetes who had at least one dispensing event for a high-intensity, moderate intensity, or low-intensity statin medication.

Tips for improving medication adherence

- Develop a medication routine with each patient if they are on multiple medications that require them to be taken at different times
- Utilize pill boxes or organizers
- Advise patients to set up reminders and alarms for when medications are due
- Discuss potential side effects and ways to treat the side effects of medications

Measure adherence

Adherence for the SPD measure is determined by the member remaining on their prescribed high or low intensity statin medication for 80% of their treatment period. This is determined by pharmacy claims data (the plan will capture data each time the member fills their prescription). The medications the NCQA lists in the HEDIS specifications are below. This is a general list and should not replace the advice or care you provide your patients regarding what is optimal to meet their healthcare needs.

### High- and Moderate-Intensity Statin Medications

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| **High-intensity statin therapy** | Atorvastatin 40-80 mg  
Amlodipine-atorvastatin 40-80 mg  
Rosuvastatin 20-40 mg  
Simvastatin 80 mg  
Ezetimibe-simvastatin 80 mg |
| **Moderate-intensity statin therapy** | Atorvastatin 10-20 mg  
Amlodipine-atorvastatin 10-20 mg  
Rosuvastatin 5-10 mg  
Simvastatin 20-40 mg  
Ezetimibe-simvastatin 20-40 mg  
Pravastatin 40-80 mg  
Lovastatin 40 mg  
Fluvastatin 40-80 mg  
Pitavastatin 2-4 mg |

### Low-Intensity Statin Medications

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Ezetimibe-simvastatin 10 mg  
Pravastatin 10-20 mg  
Lovastatin 10-20 mg  
Fluvastatin 20 |