**Definition**

Percentage of patients ages 40–75 who were dispensed at least two diabetes medication fills who met the following criteria:

- **Received statin therapy** - Patients who were dispensed at least one high, moderate, or low-intensity statin medication or statin combination during the measurement year.
- **Statin adherence 80%** - Patients who remained on a high, moderate, or low-intensity statin medication for at least 80 percent of the treatment period.

**Plans Affected**
- Medicare Advantage.
- Commercial.
- Medicaid.

**Quality Programs Affected**
- CMS Star Ratings.

**Collection and Reporting Method**
- Administrative claim/encounter data and pharmacy data.

This is a quick reference tool to help you with coding and documentation of Medicare Star Rating measures that close care gaps.

**Medications**

One of the following medications must have been dispensed. 

**Note:** The active ingredients are limited to oral formulations only.

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**Exclusions**

- End-stage renal disease (ESRD) or dialysis.
- Patients with cardiovascular disease.
- Pregnancy or in vitro fertilization.
- At least on prescription of clomiphene.
- Cirrhosis.
- Myalgia, myositis, myopathy, or rhabdomyolysis.
- Patients in hospice.
- Patients age 66 and older as of December 31 of the measurement year who are living in long-term care institutions or enrolled in an Institutional SNP (I-SNP).
- Patients age 66 and older as of December 31 of the measurement year who have frailty and advanced illness.

**Tips and Best Practices to Help Close the Care Gap**

- This measure overlaps with "Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease (SPC)." Patients who have both diabetes and cardiovascular disease will need to meet more stringent requirements for SPC, and should be prescribed a moderate-to high-intensity statin.
- This measure also overlaps with medication adherence measures for statins. Encourage patients to continue with therapy as prescribed.

For information about Medicare Star Ratings measures, visit the Provider Resource Center at hmssa.com/portal/provider/zav_pel.aa.MED.100.htm.

Information in this guide is based on Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) technical specifications. For details, visit pqaalliance.org.

If you have any questions, call HMSA Provider Services at 948-6820 on Oahu or 1 (877) 304-4672 toll-free on the Neighbor Islands.

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