Measure #414: Evaluation or Interview for Risk of Opioid Misuse – National Quality Strategy  
Domain: Effective Clinical Care

2016 PQRS OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES:  
REGISTRY ONLY

DESCRIPTION:
All patients 18 and older prescribed opiates for longer than six weeks duration evaluated for risk of opioid misuse using a brief validated instrument (e.g. Opioid Risk Tool, SOAAP-R) or patient interview documented at least once during Opioid Therapy in the medical record

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported once per reporting period for all patients being prescribed opioids for duration longer than six weeks during the reporting period. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. This measure may be reported by clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Reporting via Registry:
CPT codes, a quality-data code, and patient demographics are used to identify patients who are included in the measure’s denominator. The listed numerator options are used to report the numerator of the measure.

The quality-data codes listed do not need to be submitted for registry-based submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those registries that utilize claims data. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

DENOMINATOR:
All patients 18 and older prescribed opiates for longer than six weeks duration:

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter
AND
Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT):
99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350
AND
Patients prescribed opiates for longer than six weeks: G9583

NUMERATOR:
Patients evaluated for risk of misuse of opiates by using a brief validated instrument (e.g., Opioid Risk Tool, SOAAP-R) or patient interview at least once during opioid therapy

Numerator Options:
Performance Met: Patient evaluated for risk of misuse of opiates by using a brief validated instrument (e.g., Opioid Risk Tool, SOAAP-R) or patient interviewed at least once during opioid therapy (G9584)

OR
Performance Not Met: Patient not evaluated for risk of misuse of opiates by using a brief validated instrument (e.g., Opioid Risk Tool, SOAAP-R) or patient not interviewed at least once during opioid therapy (G9585)
RATIONALE:
A thorough history and physical examination, including an assessment of psychosocial factors and family history, is essential for adequate risk stratification. Implicit in the recommendation to conduct a comprehensive benefit-to-harm analysis is the recognition that an opioid trial may not be appropriate. Clinicians should obtain appropriate diagnostic tests to evaluate the underlying pain condition, and should consider whether the pain condition may be treated more effectively with nonopioid therapy rather than with COT.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:
Before initiating COT, clinicians should conduct a history, physical examination and appropriate testing, including an assessment of risk of substance abuse, misuse, or addiction (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence).

Clinicians may consider a trial of COT as an option if chronic noncancer pain (CNCP) is moderate or severe, pain is having an adverse impact on function or quality of life, and potential therapeutic benefits outweigh or are likely to outweigh potential harms (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence).

A benefit-to-harm evaluation including a history, physical examination, and appropriate diagnostic testing, should be performed and documented before and on an ongoing basis during COT (strong recommendation, low-quality evidence) (p. 115).

Tools that appear to have good content, face, and construct validity include the Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain (SOAPP) Version 1, the revised SOAPP (SOAPP-R), the Opioid Risk Tool (ORT), and the Diagnosis, Intractability, Risk, Efficacy (DIRE) instrument (p.116).

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Start

Denominator

No

Patient Age at Date of Service ≥ 18 Years

Yes

Not Included in Eligible Population/Denominator

No

Encounter as Listed in Denominator* (1/1/2016 thru 12/31/2015)

Yes

Patients Prescribed Opiates for Longer Than Six Weeks G9583 or equivalent

No

Patients Evaluated for Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy

Yes

Reporting Met + Performance Met G9584 or equivalent (4 patients)

No

Patients Not Evaluated for Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once Opioid Therapy

Yes

Reporting Met + Performance Not Met G9585 or equivalent (3 patients)

No

Include in Eligible Population/Denominator (8 patients)

Numerator

Reporting Not Met Quality-Data Code or equivalent not reported (1 patient)

SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:

Reporting Rate:
Performance Met (a=4 patients) + Performance Not Met (c=3 patients) = 7 patients = 87.56%

Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 patients) = 8 patients

Performance Rate:
Performance Met (a=4 patients) = 4 patients = 57.14%
Reporting Numerator (7 patients) = 7 patients

* See the posted Measure Specification for specific coding and instructions to report this measure.
NOTE: Reporting Frequency: Patient/process

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Please refer to the specific section of the Measure Specification to identify the denominator and numerator information for use in reporting this Individual Measure.

1. Start with Denominator

2. Check Patient Age:
   a. If the Age is greater than or equal to 18 years of age on Date of Service and equals No during the measurement period, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If the Age is greater than or equal to 18 years of age on Date of Service and equals Yes during the measurement period, proceed to check Patients Prescribed Opiates For Longer Than Six Weeks.

3. Check Encounter Performed:
   a. If Encounter as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Encounter as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, include in Eligible Population.

4. Check Patients Prescribed Opiates For Longer Than Six weeks:
   a. If Patients Prescribed Opiates For Longer Than Six weeks equals No, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
   b. If Patients Prescribed Opiates For Longer Than Six weeks equals Yes, proceed to check Current Encounter Performed.

5. 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 8 episodes in the sample calculation.

6. Start Numerator

7. Check Patients Evaluated For Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy:
   a. If Patients Evaluated For Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Met.
   b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 4 episodes in Sample Calculation.
   c. If Patients Evaluated For Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy equals No, proceed to Patients Not Evaluated for Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validified Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy.
8. Check Patients Not Evaluated for Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy:
   
a. If Patients Not Evaluated for Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Not Met.
   
b. Reporting Met and Performance Not Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 3 episodes in the Sample Calculation.
   
c. If Patients Not Evaluated for Risk of Misuse of Opiates by Using a Brief Validated Instrument or Patient Interviewed at Least Once During Opioid Therapy equals No, proceed to Reporting Not Met.
   
9. Check Reporting Not Met:
   
a. If Reporting Not Met equals No, Quality Data Code or equivalent not reported. 1 episode has been subtracted from the reporting numerator in the sample calculation.

**SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:**

- **Reporting Rate**
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  \text{Reporting Rate} = \frac{\text{Performance Met (a=4 patients) + Performance Not Met (c=3 patients)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 patients)}} = \frac{7\,\text{patients}}{8\,\text{patients}} = 87.50\%
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- **Performance Rate**
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  \text{Performance Rate} = \frac{\text{Performance Met (a=4 patients)}}{\text{Reporting Numerator (/?patients)}} = \frac{4\,\text{patients}}{7\,\text{patients}} = 57.14\%
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