

Clinical Measures – General Guidance

- The 2018 UDS changes were included in the Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2017-08 on December 26, 2017.
- The use of the May 2017 eCQMs for eligible professionals is required for calendar year 2018 reporting.
 - ✓ *Note: Each year these measures are updated for the following year. Do not use the ones that come out in 2018. The specifications that come out in 2018 will be used for 2019 reporting*
- The following CQMs do not have corresponding eCQMs:
 - ✓ Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Therapy
 - ✓ HIV Linkage to Care
 - ✓ Early Entry to Prenatal Care
 - ✓ Low Birth Weigh

Changes for CY 2018 UDS Reporting

Clinical Measures Changes

Table	UDS Measure	CQM	Universe Changed	Exclusions Changed	Numerator Changed	Changes
6B	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents	<u>CMS155v6</u>	✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added (Exclusions): Excludes patients in hospice care
6B	Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan	<u>CMS69v6</u>			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed (Numerator): BMI and counseling as appropriate, must occur during the most recent visit or during the previous twelve months (changed from six months to twelve months)
6B	Colorectal Cancer Screening	<u>CMS130v6</u>		✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added (Exclusions): Excludes patients in hospice care Added (Numerator): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)-deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test during the measurement period or the prior two years (e.g. Cologuard) Computerized tomography (CT) colonography during the measurement period or the four years prior to the measurement period
6B	Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)	<u>CMS122v6</u>		✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added (Exclusions): Excludes patients in hospice care Changed (Numerator elements reported) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HbA1c < 8% is no longer reported in the UDS Only report patients with uncontrolled diabetes defined as having HbA1c > 9% or no test during year

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The other clinical measures do not have major changes for 2018 reporting. These include:

- Early Entry to Prenatal Care
- Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma
- Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Therapy
- HIV Linkage to Care
- Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan
- Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years
- Low Birth Weight

Please Note: Minor changes may continue to be made if CMS changes eCQM definitions after the release of the UDS Manual.

Other UDS Reporting Changes

<p>Appendix D: Health Center Health Information Technology (HIT) Capabilities</p>	<p>PCMH questions retired from UDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received/retained PCMH recognition or certification • Received accreditation
<p>Other Data Elements</p>	<p>Expanded telehealth questions – these questions have been added to better capture data on telehealth use, modalities, and potential obstacles to implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of telehealth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Who does the health center communicate with using telehealth? → What telehealth technologies did you use? → What primary telehealth services were used at your organization? → If you did not have telehealth services, please comment why.

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eCQMs and Clinical Measure Links (Listed here for reference)

eCQMs MEASURE	eCQMs
Childhood Immunization Status	CMS117v6
Cervical Cancer Screening	CMS124v6
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents	CMS155v6
Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan	CMS69v6
Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	CMS138v6
Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma <note – no new version>	CMS126v5
Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antiplatelet	CMS164v6
Colorectal Cancer Screening	CMS130v6
Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan	CMS2v7
Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years	CMS277v0
Controlling High Blood Pressure	CMS165v6
Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)	CMS122v6
Coronary Artery Disease	Defined in UDS Manual
HIV Linkage to Care	Defined in UDS Manual
Early Entry into Prenatal Care	Defined in UDS Manual
HIV Linkage to Care	Defined in UDS Manual