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Note: In the CY 2018 Quality Payment Program proposed rule (82 FR 30455 through 30462), CMS proposed removal of measures only from the specific specialty measure sets below based upon review of updates made to existing quality measure specifications, the proposed addition of new measures for inclusion in MIPS, and the feedback provided by specialty societies.

NQF #	Quality #	CMS E-Measure ID	Data Submission Method	Measure Type	National Quality Strategy Domain	Measure Title and Description	Measure Steward	Specialty Set(s) from which Measure is Removed
0059	001	122v6	Claims, Web Interface, Registry, EHR	Intermediate Outcome	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (&gt;9%):</b> Percentage of patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes who had hemoglobin A1c > 9.0% during the measurement period	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Emergency Medicine
N/A	032	N/A	Claims, Registry	Process	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Stroke and Stroke Rehabilitation: Discharged on Antithrombotic Therapy:</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) who were prescribed an antithrombotic therapy at discharge.	American Academy of Neurology	Neurosurgical Neurology Hospitalists
0326	047	N/A	Claims, Registry	Process	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Care Plan:</b> Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have an advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record or documentation in the medical record that an advance care plan was discussed but the patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan.	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Emergency Medicine Mental/Behavioral Health Ophthalmology Plastic Surgery

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0421	128	69v6	Claims, Registry, EHR, Web Interface	Process	Community / Population Health	<p><b>Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan:</b>                      Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a BMI documented during the current encounter or during the previous twelve months AND with a BMI outside of normal parameters, a follow-up plan is documented during the encounter or during the previous twelve months of the current encounter.                      Normal Parameters: Age 18 years and older BMI =&gt; 18.5 and &lt; 25 kg/m2</p>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Hospitalist Neurology Plastic Surgery
0419	130	68v7	Claims, Registry, EHR	Process	Patient Safety	<p><b>Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record:</b>                      Percentage of visits for patients aged 18 years and older for which the eligible professional attests to documenting a list of current medications using all immediate resources available on the date of the encounter. This list must include ALL known prescriptions, over-the-counters, herbals, and vitamin/mineral/dietary (nutritional) supplements AND must contain the medications' name, dosage, frequency and route of administration.</p>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Anesthesiology Emergency Medicine

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0028	226	138v6	Claims, Registry, EHR, Web Interface	Process	Community/Population Health	<p><b>Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention:</b></p> <p>a. Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use one or more times within 24 months</p> <p>b. Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use and identified as a tobacco user who received tobacco cessation intervention</p> <p>c. Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use one or more times within 24 months AND who received cessation counseling intervention if identified as a tobacco user.</p>	Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement Foundation (PCPI®)	Emergency Medicine Hospitalist
0018	236	165v6	Claims, Registry, EHR, Web Interface	Intermediate Outcome	Effective Clinical Care	<p><b>Controlling High Blood Pressure:</b></p> <p>Percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose blood pressure was adequately controlled (&lt;140/90 mmHg) during the measurement period</p>	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Preventative Medicine
N/A	259	N/A	Registry	Outcome	Patient Safety	<p><b>Rate of Endovascular Aneurysm Repair (EVAR) of Small or Moderate Non-Ruptured Infrarenal Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA) without Major Complications (Discharged to Home by Post-Operative Day #2):</b></p> <p>Percent of patients undergoing endovascular repair of small or moderate non-ruptured infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA) that do not experience a major complication (discharged to home no later than post-operative day #2)</p>	Society for Vascular Surgeons	Interventional Radiology

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N/A	265	N/A	Registry	Process	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Biopsy Follow-Up:</b> Percentage of new patients whose biopsy results have been reviewed and communicated to the primary care/referring physician and patient by the performing physician	American Academy of Dermatology	Interventional Radiology
	284	N/A	Registry	Process	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Dementia: Management of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms:</b> Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of dementia who have one or more neuropsychiatric symptoms who received or were recommended to receive an intervention for neuropsychiatric symptoms within a 12-month period	American Academy of Neurology	Neurology Mental/ Behavioral Health
N/A	294	N/A	Registry	Process	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Parkinson's Disease: Parkinson's Disease Medical and Surgical Treatment Options Reviewed:</b> All patients with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease (or caregiver(s), as appropriate) who had the Parkinson's disease treatment options (e.g., non-pharmacological treatment, pharmacological treatment, or surgical treatment) reviewed at least once annually	American Academy of Neurology	Neurology
N/A	304	N/A	Registry	Outcome	Person Caregiver-Centered Experience and Outcomes	<b>Cataracts: Patient Satisfaction within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery:</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who had cataract surgery and were satisfied with their care within 90 days following the cataract surgery, based on completion of the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Surgical Care Survey	American Academy of Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology

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N/A	312	166v7	EHR	Process	Efficiency and Cost Reduction	<b>Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain:</b> Percentage of patients 18-50 years of age with a diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (plain X-ray, MRI, CT scan) within 28 days of the diagnosis	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Family Medicine Internal Medicine Orthopedic Surgery Physical Medicine
N/A	317	22v6	Claims, Registry, EHR	Process	Community/Population Health	<b>Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented:</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older seen during the reporting period who were screened for high blood pressure AND a recommended follow-up plan is documented based on the current blood pressure (BP) reading as indicated.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Ophthalmology Hospitalist
N/A	331	N/A	Registry	Process	Efficiency and Cost Reduction	<b>Adult Sinusitis: Antibiotic Prescribed for Acute Sinusitis (Overuse):</b> Percentage of patients, aged 18 years and older, with a diagnosis of acute sinusitis who were prescribed an antibiotic within 10 days after onset of symptoms	American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Allergy/Immunology
N/A	332	N/A	Registry	Process	Efficiency and Cost Reduction	<b>Adult Sinusitis: Appropriate Choice of Antibiotic: Amoxicillin With or Without Clavulanate Prescribed for Patients with Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (Appropriate Use):</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of acute bacterial sinusitis that were prescribed amoxicillin, with or without clavulanate, as a first line antibiotic at the time of diagnosis	American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Allergy/Immunology

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N/A	333	N/A	Registry	Efficiency	Efficiency and Cost Reduction	<b>Adult Sinusitis: Computerized Tomography (CT) for Acute Sinusitis (Overuse):</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of acute sinusitis who had a computerized tomography (CT) scan of the paranasal sinuses ordered at the time of diagnosis or received within 28 days after date of diagnosis	American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery	Allergy/Immunology
N/A	334	N/A	Registry	Efficiency	Efficiency and Cost Reduction	<b>Adult Sinusitis: More than One Computerized Tomography (CT) Scan Within 90 Days for Chronic Sinusitis (Overuse):</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic sinusitis who had more than one CT scan of the paranasal sinuses ordered or received within 90 days after the date of diagnosis	American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery	Allergy/Immunology
N/A	337	N/A	Registry	Process	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention for Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients on a Biological Immune Response Modifier:</b> Percentage of patients whose providers are ensuring active tuberculosis prevention either through yearly negative standard tuberculosis screening tests or are reviewing the patient's history to determine if they have had appropriate management for a recent or prior positive test	American Academy of Dermatology	Rheumatology
N/A	344	N/A	Registry	Outcome	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Rate of Carotid Artery Stenting (CAS) for Asymptomatic Patients, Without Major Complications (Discharged to Home by Post-Operative Day #2):</b> Percent of asymptomatic patients undergoing CAS who are discharged to home no later than post-operative day #2	Society for Vascular Surgeons	Interventional Radiology

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2152	431	N/A	Registry	Process	Community/ Population Health	<b>Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use:</b> Screening & Brief Counseling: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for unhealthy alcohol use using a systematic screening method at least once within the last 24 months AND who received brief counseling if identified as an unhealthy alcohol user.	Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement Foundation (PCPI®)	Emergency Medicine Hospitalist
1799	444	N/A	Registry	Process	Efficiency and Cost Reduction	<b>Medication Management for People with Asthma:</b> The percentage of patients 5-64 years of age during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and were dispensed appropriate medications that they remained on for at least 75% of their treatment period.	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Allergy/ Immunology

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1543	345	N/A	Registry	Outcome	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Rate of Postoperative Stroke or Death in Asymptomatic Patients Undergoing Carotid Artery Stenting (CAS):</b> Percent of asymptomatic patients undergoing CAS who experience stroke or death following surgery while in the hospital	Society for Vascular Surgeons	Interventional Radiology
N/A	374	50v6	Registry, EHR	Process	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Closing the Referral Loop: Receipt of Specialist Report:</b> Percentage of patients with referrals, regardless of age, for which the referring provider receives a report from the provider to whom the patient was referred.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	Emergency Medicine Plastic Surgery Hospitalist
N/A	398	N/A	Registry	Outcome	Effective Clinical Care	<b>Optimal Asthma Control:</b> Composite measure of the percentage of pediatric and adult patients whose asthma is well-controlled as demonstrated by one of three age appropriate patient reported outcome tools and not at risk for exacerbation	MN Community Measurement	Allergy/ Immunology
N/A	402	N/A	Registry	Process	Community/Population Health	<b>Tobacco Use and Help with Quitting Among Adolescents:</b> The percentage of adolescents 12 to 20 years of age with a primary care visit during the measurement year for whom tobacco use status was documented and received help with quitting if identified as a tobacco user	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Emergency Medicine Hospitalist Plastic Surgery Urology

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N/A	284	N/A	Registry	Process	Effective Clinical Care	<p><b>Dementia: Management of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms:</b> Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of dementia who have one or more neuropsychiatric symptoms who received or were recommended to receive an intervention for neuropsychiatric symptoms within a 12-month period</p> <p>We did not receive specific comments regarding the removal of this measure.</p> <p><b>FINAL ACTION:</b> We are finalizing our proposal to remove Q#284 for the 2018 Performance Period and future years.</p>	American Academy of Neurology	CMS proposed the removal of the measure “ <i>Dementia: Management of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms</i> ” as a quality measure from the MIPS program, due to the measure steward no longer maintaining the measure since it was combined with Q283 Dementia: Neuro-Psychiatric Symptom Assessment. We requested comment on the removal of this measure from MIPS.

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<p><b>Comment:</b> One commenter supported CMS’s proposal to remove measures Q128, Q226, Q317 and Q431 from the <i>Hospitalist Specialty Measure Set</i>. Another commenter also supported the removal of Q128.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> We thank the commenter for their support.</p> <p><b>Comment:</b> One commenter did not support the CMS’s proposal to remove measure Q398 from the <i>Allergy/Immunology Specialty Measure Set</i>. The commenter believes that the allergy/immunology specialty can report successfully on this measure for patients whose care is attributed to them, and for those patients that they co-manage with primary care. Measure Q398 is currently the only outcome measure included in this specialty measure set. Currently, in the Minnesota state-wide data collection of this patient reported outcome measure of asthma control, 6 percent (or 5,800) of the patients with asthma are annually attributed to this specialty. Another commenter strongly opposed revisions to the <i>Allergy/Immunology Specialty Measure Set</i> and urges CMS to maintain the 2017 specialty measure set for the 2018 performance period.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> We appreciate the commenter’s feedback; however, we believe this measure is best managed by a Family Practice provider, Internist, or Pulmonologist as the primary care-giver for Asthma as well as it may cause undue burden to Allergists and Immunologists to report on this measure. Regarding available outcome measures in this measure set, measure Q338: <i>HIV Viral Load Suppression</i> is an existing outcome measure for this measure set. Regarding the commenter’s opposition to revisions in the <i>Allergy/Immunology Specialty Measure Set</i>, we believe that the proposed updates to the <i>Allergy/Immunology Specialty Measure Set</i> are appropriate because it allows for the specialty set to be current and inclusive of measures that are relevant to the scope of practice of Allergists and Immunologists, which will provide them with meaningful measurement rather than including measures that are typically managed by primary care clinicians.</p> <p><b>FINAL ACTION:</b> We are finalizing the proposed removal of these MIPS measures from the specialty measure sets identified above for the 2018 Performance Period and future years.</p>								