

## HealthQuality CT Commercial Scorecard Measure Specifications

The HealthQuality CT commercial scorecard uses nationally endorsed measures. These measures have defined specifications and rely mostly on data from health insurance claims data. For each CT measure, the table below provides the related NQF measure name and reference number. To learn more about the specifications, please go to the National Quality Form (NQF) website at <https://www.qualityforum.org/Home.aspx>. In some cases, data from Connecticut's APCD have required modifications to the NQF specifications. Three cases impact all the measures:

- 1) All the dates used are subject to masking (random, symmetric increment). We use the dates provided, but this masking means that not all dates of service for a measurement year actually occurred during the measurement year. The time between services for any specific person is not affected by this masking.
- 2) We have only received a person's year of birth (not full date of birth) for each calendar year. Because of this, we use the year of birth to calculate age for the calendar year and use that as a person's age for the entire measurement (fiscal) year.
- 3) The age of patients included in the analysis does not exceed age 64.

Additional measure specific modifications are detailed in the following table.

CT Measure Name	Related NQF Measure	NQF#	Modifications
Adolescent immunizations- combination	Immunizations for Adolescents	1407	Expanded look back period to include an additional year.
Antidepressant medication at 12 weeks	Anti-Depressant Medication Management	0105	
Antidepressant medication at 6 months	Anti-Depressant Medication Management	0105	
Appropriate use of antibiotics: adults with acute bronchitis	Avoidance of antibiotic treatment in adults with acute bronchitis	0058	
Asthma medication maintenance for $\geq 50\%$ of treatment period	Medication management for people w/ asthma	1799	
Asthma medication for maintenance for $\geq 75\%$ of treatment period	Medication management for people w/ asthma	1799	
Breast cancer screening	Breast cancer screening	2372	Optional exclusions included
Cervical cancer screening	Cervical cancer screening	0032	Omit EMR based portion of measure
Chlamydia screening	Chlamydia screening in women	0033	
Diabetes: blood sugar testing	DM: HbA1c Testing	0057	Omit EMR based portion of measure
Diabetes- screening/treatment for kidney disease	DM: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	0062	
Diabetes- eye exams	DM: Eye Exam (retinal) performed	0055	
Engagement of treatment for alcohol and other drug dependence	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment	0004	
Follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness- 7 days	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	0576	
Follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness- 30 days	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	0576	
Hospital readmissions	Plan all-cause readmission	1768	

Initiation of treatment for alcohol and other drug dependence	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment	0004	
Long acting reversible contraception	Contraceptive Care	HSS Dept. of Population Affairs	
Non-recommended cervical cancer screening of adolescents	Non-recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Female	HEDIS 0443	
Patient experience: Office staff	CG-CAHPS Measure: <i>Helpful, Courteous, and Respectful Office Staff</i>	0005	CG-CAHPS version 3.0 used. Patient appointments fall within 6 months not 12 months of the survey
Patient experience: Provider communication	CG-CAHPS Measure: <i>How Well Providers Communicate With Patients</i>	0005	CG-CAHPS version 3.0 used. Patient appointments fall within 6 months not 12 months of the survey
Patient experience: Provider rating	CG-CAHPS Measure: <i>Overall Rating of Provider</i>	0005	CG-CAHPS version 3.0 used. Patient appointments fall within 6 months not 12 months of the survey
Patient experience: Timely care	CG-CAHPS Measure: <i>Getting Timely Appointments, Care, and Information</i>	0005	CG-CAHPS version 3.0 used. Patient appointments fall within 6 months not 12 months of the survey
Use of imaging studies for low back pain	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	0052	
Well care visits for adolescents	Adolescent Well-Care Visits	NCQA AWC	
Yearly monitoring for persistent medications-ACE inhibitors/ARB	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications	2371	
Yearly monitoring for persistent medications-diuretics	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications	2371	

Yearly monitoring for persistent medications-total	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications	2371	
--	--	------	--