Important Update

HEDIS Measure Change

Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes (HBD) has changed to Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD).

GSD Measure Description: The percentage of members 18-75 years of age with diabetes (types 1 and 2) whose most recent glycemic status (hemoglobin A1c [HbA1c] or glucose management indicator [GMI] was at the following levels during the measurement year: **Glycemic Status <8%**

Denominator Compliance: The revised denominator criteria changed to include two diagnoses of diabetes in any setting, or one diabetes medication filled and one diagnosis of diabetes in any setting.

GSD Best Practices:

- Ensure documentation in the medical record includes the date when the HbA1c was performed, and the result.
- Follow up with member to talk about lab results and educate member on the impact on their health and diabetes.
- Discuss with member the importance of screening for diabetes.
- Outreach to members who cancel appointments and reschedule them as soon as possible.
- Order labs prior to members' appointments.
- Order a diabetes screening test every year and build care gap "alerts" in your electronic medical records.

Numerator Compliance: Identify the most recent glycemic status assessment (HbA1c or GMI) during the measurement year. If there are multiple glycemic status assessments on the same date of services, use the lowest results.

- ✓ The member is numerator compliant if the most recent glycemic status assessment has a result of <8.0%.

- ✓ The member is not numerator compliant if the result of the most recent glycemic status assessment is ≥8.0% or is missing a result, or if a glycemic status assessment was not done during the measurement year.

- ✓ The GMI results collected by the member and document in the members record are eligible for use in reporting there is no requirement that there be evidence the GMI was collected by the provider.

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