

EXCLUDING PATIENTS FROM THE STATIN THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (SPC) MEASURE

The Statin Therapy in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease Star Measure is the percentage of members with a qualifying event for Cardiovascular Disease who have at least one fill of a moderate or high intensity statin medication.

While the only means for capturing claims for moderate or high intensity statins is through a prescription adjudicated to the patient’s Highmark Part D coverage during the measurement year, this measure does have several exclusions to account for members who have a contraindication to statin therapy. These exclusions include:

- Myalgia, Myositis, Myopathy or Rhabdomyolysis during the measurement year
- Cirrhosis during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year

If your patient has one of the conditions listed above, you can submit the appropriate ICD-10 code (see below for commonly used codes) for their exclusion during an encounter or submit supplemental data to remove your patient from the Statin Therapy in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease measure.

Exclusions are applied based on diagnosis codes submitted at the time of service via claims and supplemental data. Due to claim finalization, and timing of the report, it may take several reporting cycles (gap reports) before the member is excluded or removed from the measure.

For additional information on how to submit supplemental data, as well as additional exclusions that may apply, please refer to the **Clinical Quality Feedback Supplemental Guide** located on the NaviNet® Provider Resource Center or the Quality Blue User Interface.

Patients who do not have any of the accepted exclusions will need to be prescribed a Statin, of moderate to high intensity, and have that prescription adjudicated to the patient’s Highmark Part D coverage during the measurement year to satisfy the measure. Additional information on this measure as well as which Statins are covered can be found on the NaviNet® Provider Resource Center or the Quality Blue User Interface.

Acceptable Methods to Submit an Exclusion:

1. Submission of ICD-10* codes within the exclusion value sets during an encounter

Exclusion: Myalgia, Myopathy, Myositis, Rhabdomyolysis

G72.0 – Drug-induced Myopathy	M60.9 – Myositis, unspecified
G72.2 – Myopathy due to other toxic agents	M62.82 - Rhabdomyolysis
G72.9 – Myopathy, unspecified	M79.1 - Myalgia
M60.80 – Other myositis, unspecified site	

Exclusion: Cirrhosis

K70.30 – Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver without ascites	K74.5 – Biliary cirrhosis, unspecified
K70.31 – Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver with ascites	K74.60 - Unspecified cirrhosis of liver
K71.7 – Toxic liver disease with fibrosis and cirrhosis of liver	K74.69 - Other cirrhosis of liver
K74.3 - Primary biliary cirrhosis	P78.81 – Congenital cirrhosis (of liver)
K74.4 – Secondary biliary cirrhosis	

Please submit diagnoses to the highest specificity known for the patient.

2. Documentation of exclusion diagnosis in the patient’s medical record submitted via the Clinical Quality Feedback Loop

a. Notes such as:

Statin intolerance, myalgias with statin, past low-cholesterol diet, or Statin therapy inappropriate due to Cirrhosis of liver

b. Medication list such as:

D.	Substance	Category	Reactions	Severe	Type	C. Est. Offset	Reaction Status	Updated by	Source	Reviewed
	NKA	Drug			Allergy		Canceled	1/19/2016	Christ, MD, Ian	6/25/2019
✓	statins	Drug	myalgia	Severe	Unknown	About 1/1..	Active	12/11/2018	Peters, LPN, Alex Physi..	7/17/2019

c. Allergy list such as:

✓	statins	Drug	Muscle Ache	Allergy	Active
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Please note that generic documentation such as “Statin intolerance,” “Cannot take statins,” or “Reaction to statin” does not meet documentation requirements for CMS accepted exclusions and therefore will not be acceptable to exclude your patient from the measure.

Exclusions for Myalgia, Myopathy, Myositis and Rhabdomyolysis will be accepted when submitted during the measurement year only. But exclusions for Cirrhosis will be accepted when submitted during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.



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*ICD-10 codes listed are part of the 2021 HEDIS Value Sets