

Topic	Explanation
Measure Type	Static Star Measure
Description of the Measure	Percentage of members who were dispensed medications for diabetes and a statin medication.
Eligible Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members ages 40 to 75* as of the first day of the measurement year who were dispensed two or more prescription fills on two or more different dates of service for a hypoglycemic agent during the measurement year. • The index prescription for the first hypoglycemic medication must occur at least 90 days prior to the end of the measurement year for denominator inclusion. <p>* Members who turn 76 within the measurement year require a Part D statin fill prior to turning 76 for Health Plan compliance.</p> <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members with rhabdomyolysis or myopathy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentation within patient chart must be clear in stating rhabdomyolysis or myopathy. Phrasing of “intolerance,” “reaction,” and “cannot take,” will not be evidence enough for an exclusion. • Members with a diagnosis of pregnancy, lactation, or fertility. • Members with a diagnosis of liver disease. • Members with a diagnosis of pre-diabetes. • Members with a diagnosis of polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS). • Members with end-stage renal disease. • Members in hospice any time during the measurement year.
Compliant Member	Members who filled at least one ambulatory prescription fill for a statin or statin combination during the measurement year. For those members who age into Medicare Advantage during the measurement year, a Medicare Part D claim must be received.
How to Submit to Highmark Inc.	Only one pharmacy claim is required. This measure is only captured via a pharmacy claim at the point of sale that is adjudicated via the Part D benefit (member must show their ID card).
Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all patients who are non-compliant in measure. • Ensure that provider prescribes appropriate medication. • Educate diabetic patients on the increased risk of cardiovascular disease, so that they may understand the benefits of statin therapy in reducing their risk of stroke, heart attack, and cardiovascular death. • Prep chart to ensure that provider discusses ongoing compliance. • Provide ongoing patient outreach to those showing as non-compliant. • Identify reason for non-compliance and attempt to resolve. • Consider statins with fewer drug interactions such as rosuvastatin, pravastatin, and fluvastatin to reduce risk of adverse events.

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<p>Best Practices (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider effective but low-cost treatment options that are on Tier 1 of the Highmark Medicare Part D formularies. • Patients who do not tolerate one statin may be able to tolerate a different statin. • Be proactive. Evaluate practice processes for opportunities to close gaps every time the patient is seen rather than reacting to gap closure reports. • Utilize Highmark’s predesigned member letter templates and other informational resources that are located on the Provider Resource Center. 									
<p>Other</p>	<p>Samples, paying in cash, and using discount cards will not generate an insurance claim. These patients will appear as non-compliant with the measure. Encourage patients to utilize their insurance card, as this may help to identify other services that may be beneficial to them.</p> <p>Statin Medications</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="615 808 1455 1245"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="615 808 885 867">Description</th> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="885 808 1455 867">Prescription</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="615 867 885 1071">Statin Medication</td> <td data-bbox="885 867 1170 1071"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atorvastatin • Fluvastatin • Lovastatin </td> <td data-bbox="1170 867 1455 1071"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitavastatin • Pravastatin • Rosuvastatin • Simvastatin </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="615 1071 885 1245">Statin Combination Products</td> <td data-bbox="885 1071 1170 1245"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atorvastatin and amlodipine • Ezetimibe and simvastatin </td> <td data-bbox="1170 1071 1455 1245"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niacin and lovastatin • Niacin and simvastatin </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Bolded drug names are available on all formularies at low-cost generics.</p> <p>Note: The active ingredients are limited to oral formulations only.</p>	Description	Prescription		Statin Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atorvastatin • Fluvastatin • Lovastatin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitavastatin • Pravastatin • Rosuvastatin • Simvastatin 	Statin Combination Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atorvastatin and amlodipine • Ezetimibe and simvastatin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niacin and lovastatin • Niacin and simvastatin
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Key Additional Resources

Additional information specific to this measure can be found on the Provider Resource Center under Value-Based Reimbursement Programs Overview, in the Medicare Advantage Stars section.

Information on formulary medications and Utilization Management restrictions can be found in the Pharmacy Program/Formularies section on the Provider Resource Center.