

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MIPS 431: Preventative Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use: Screening & Brief Counseling FAQs

Is this measure reportable via claims?

No.

Do I have to report on this measure every year?

It depends on when the patient was last screened. If the patient was not screened within the past 24 months, then the patient is eligible for the measure. If a patient came in within the last 24 months and was screened, the patient does not need to be screened again.

What is the "completed audit screening" mean?

Completed audit screening means that the patient was assessed using one of the screening tools in the measure. Two of the tools are named Audit Screening and Audit C.

Is any counseling really required if the patient does not drink or drinks at an acceptable level

No, counseling is required if the screening tool detects unhealthy alcohol use.

If we screen the patient and they respond they do not drink and therefore we do not provide any cessation information, will that be accepted for this measure?

Yes, according to the measure specifications, the patient was not identified as an unhealthy alcohol user when screened for unhealthy alcohol use using a systematic screening method. Therefore, no cessation information needs to be provided.

Where are the assessment tools located for this measure?

There are 3 tools available for the measure.

- AUDIT Screening Instrument <http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/Audit.pdf>
- AUDIT-C Screening Instrument http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/images/res/tool_auditc.pdf
- Single Question Screening
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