

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MIPS 440: Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)/ Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC): Biopsy Reporting Time- Pathologist to Clinician FAQs

If a skin biopsy is performed and billed as D48.5: neoplasm of uncertain behavior, but is found to be a BCC or SCC, can we report this measure, or does it have to be billed specifically on the biopsy billing?

Yes, this encounter can be reported into the measure. Documentation of the date of diagnosis of BCC/SCC would need to be documented.

The pathologist/dermatopathologist communicates the results to the clinician, does the clinician need to be a dermatologist or can the clinician be a mid-level provider?

Only the dermatologist or pathologist can be the communicating provider.

Do I need to report on this measure every time a patient comes into the office?

Yes, this measure must be reported for every eligible encounter.

Can I report on this measure if I do not make the pathology report?

No, this measure must be reported by the physician who creates the pathology report.

Can I report on this measure if I performed the biopsy and pathology report?

No, this instance is excluded from this measure.

Is this measure reportable via claims?

No.

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