FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MIPS 131: Pain Assessment and Follow-Up FAQs

Is this measure reportable via claims?
Yes.

Do phone follow-ups count as documentation, even if the patient did not actively come into the office?
Telehealth patient encounters are ineligible for this measure. The patient must come into the office to be eligible.

What is required in the follow-up? Does it include a follow-up over phone or in person?
Follow-up is defined as a documented outline of care for a positive pain assessment. This must include a planned follow-up appointment or a referral, a notification to other care providers as applicable OR indicate the initial treatment plan is still in effect. These plans may include pharmacologic, interventional therapies, behavioral, physical medicine and/or educational interventions. The follow-up must occur in the office.

Where are the tools for this measure located?
Links to the tools are located below. Please note that PROMIS measures must be licensed for use.

Brief Pain Inventory (BPI)	http://www.npcrc.org/files/news/briefpain_long.pdf
Faces Pain Scale (FPS)	http://iasp.files.cms-`plus.com/Content/ContentFolders/Resources2/FPSR/facepainscale_english_eng-au-ca.pdf
McGill Pain Questionnaire (MPQ)	https://www.gem-beta.org/public/DownloadMeasure.aspx?mid=1348
Multidimensional Pain Inventory (MPI)	https://www.va.gov/PAINMANAGEMENT/docs/WHYMPI.pdf
Neuropathic Pain Scale (NPS)	From Galer BS, Jensen MP. Development and preliminary validation of a pain measure specific to Neuropathic pain: The Neuropathic Pain Scale. Neurology. 1997;48(1):332-338.
Numeric Rating Scale (NRS)	http://www.rehabmeasures.org/PDF%20Library/Numeric%20Pain%20Rating%20Scale%20Instructions.pdf
Oswestry Disability Index (ODI)	http://www.rehab.msu.edu/_files/_docs/Oswestry_Low_Back_Disability.pdf
Roland Morris Disability Questionnaire (RMDQ)	http://www.srisd.com/Roland-Morris.pdf
Verbal Descriptor Scale (VDS)	https://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/igec/tools/pain/verbalDescriptor.pdf
Verbal Numeric Rating Scale (VNRS)	https://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/igec/tools/pain/verbalNumeric.pdf
Visual Analog Scale (VAS)	http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/specialarticles/jcn_10_706.pdf
Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS)	http://www.healthmeasures.net/explore-measurement-systems/promis