

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# MIPS 226: Preventative Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation FAQs

### **Is this measure reportable via claims?**

Yes.

### **The measure says once per performance period. Is the performance period a year?**

The reporting period for this measure is 24 months.

### **What if screening is completed and the patient is identified as a tobacco user, but then the patient refuses to receive the tobacco cessation intervention. Would the performance not be met for criteria 2?**

If a patient screens as a tobacco user, then a cessation intervention must be implemented or else the measure will count against you. Cessation interventions include brief counseling (3 minutes or less) or pharmacotherapy.

### **Does a patient need to meet all criteria (1,2, & 3) in order to meet performance for this measure?**

Yes. A patient needs to be identified as a tobacco user, and receive cessation intervention, or a patient will identify as a non-user and not receive cessation counseling.

### **What qualifies as providing a patient with tobacco cessation intervention?**

Cessation intervention is brief counseling (3 minutes or less) or pharmacotherapy. Self-help materials or alternative therapies do NOT qualify as cessation intervention.

### **If we screen the patient and they respond they do not smoke, and therefore we do not provide any cessation information, will that be accepted for these measures?**

This qualifies as the performance met. Cessation information would not be provided because the patient is not a tobacco user.

### **I completed the first criteria of the measure but criteria 2 and 3 seem the same.**

Reporting criteria 2 is for all patients who were identified as a tobacco user and who received tobacco cessation intervention. Reporting criteria 3 is for all patients who were screened for tobacco use and, if identified as a tobacco user, received tobacco cessation intervention OR the patient identified as a tobacco non-user.

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