

### Clinical Measures – General Guidance

- The 2018 UDS changes were included in the Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2017-08 on December 26, 2017.
- The use of the May 2017 eCQMs for eligible professionals is required for calendar year 2018 reporting.
  - ✓ *Note: Each year these measures are updated for the following year. Do not use the ones that come out in 2018. The specifications that come out in 2018 will be used for 2019 reporting*
- The following CQMs do not have corresponding eCQMs:
  - ✓ Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Therapy
  - ✓ HIV Linkage to Care
  - ✓ Early Entry to Prenatal Care
  - ✓ Low Birth Weigh

## Changes for CY 2018 UDS Reporting

### Clinical Measures Changes

| Table | UDS Measure   | CQM             | Universe Changed | Exclusions Changed | Numerator Changed | Changes  |
|-------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 6B    | Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents | <u>CMS155v6</u> | ✓                | ✓                  |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Added (Exclusions):</b> Excludes patients in hospice care</li> </ul>   |
| 6B    | Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan                 | <u>CMS69v6</u>  |                  |                    | ✓                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Changed (Numerator):</b> BMI and counseling as appropriate, must occur during the most recent visit or during the previous twelve months (changed from six months to twelve months)</li> </ul>   |
| 6B    | Colorectal Cancer Screening   | <u>CMS130v6</u> |                  | ✓                  | ✓                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Added (Exclusions):</b> Excludes patients in hospice care</li> <li>• <b>Added (Numerator):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)-deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test during the measurement period or the prior two years (e.g. Cologuard)</li> <li>▪ Computerized tomography (CT) colonography during the measurement period or the four years prior to the measurement period</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 6B    | Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)   | <u>CMS122v6</u> |                  | ✓                  | ✓                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Added (Exclusions):</b> Excludes patients in hospice care</li> <li>• <b>Changed (Numerator elements reported)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HbA1c &lt; 8% is no longer reported in the UDS</li> <li>▪ Only report patients with uncontrolled diabetes defined as having HbA1c &gt; 9% or no test during year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

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The other clinical measures do not have major changes for 2018 reporting. These include:

- Early Entry to Prenatal Care
- Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention
- Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma
- Coronary Artery Disease (CAD): Lipid Therapy
- HIV Linkage to Care
- Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan
- Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years
- Low Birth Weight

Please Note: Minor changes may continue to be made if CMS changes eQCM definitions after the release of the UDS Manual.

### Other UDS Reporting Changes

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| <p><b>Appendix D: Health Center Health Information Technology (HIT) Capabilities</b></p> | <p>PCMH questions retired from UDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received/retained PCMH recognition or certification</li> <li>• Received accreditation</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Other Data Elements</b></p>  | <p>Expanded telehealth questions – these questions have been added to better capture data on telehealth use, modalities, and potential obstacles to implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of telehealth             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Who does the health center communicate with using telehealth?</li> <li>→ What telehealth technologies did you use?</li> <li>→ What primary telehealth services were used at your organization?</li> <li>→ If you did not have telehealth services, please comment why.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

## Changes for CY 2018 UDS Reporting

### eCQMs and Clinical Measure Links (Listed here for reference)

| eCQMs MEASURE   | eCQMs                                 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Childhood Immunization Status   | <a href="#">CMS117v6</a>              |
| Cervical Cancer Screening   | <a href="#">CMS124v6</a>              |
| Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents | <a href="#">CMS155v6</a>              |
| Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan                 | <a href="#">CMS69v6</a>               |
| Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention                  | <a href="#">CMS138v6</a>              |
| Use of Appropriate Medications for Asthma <note – no new version>                                 | <a href="#">CMS126v5</a>              |
| Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antiplatelet                           | <a href="#">CMS164v6</a>              |
| Colorectal Cancer Screening   | <a href="#">CMS130v6</a>              |
| Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan                        | <a href="#">CMS2v7</a>                |
| Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years  | <a href="#">CMS277v0</a>              |
| Controlling High Blood Pressure   | <a href="#">CMS165v6</a>              |
| Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)   | <a href="#">CMS122v6</a>              |
| Coronary Artery Disease   | <a href="#">Defined in UDS Manual</a> |
| HIV Linkage to Care   | <a href="#">Defined in UDS Manual</a> |
| Early Entry into Prenatal Care  | <a href="#">Defined in UDS Manual</a> |
| HIV Linkage to Care   | <a href="#">Defined in UDS Manual</a> |