

### B.29. Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy

In addition to the considerations discussed in the introductory language of Table B in this final rule, the Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy specialty set takes into consideration the following criteria, which includes, but is not limited to: the measure reflects current clinical guidelines and the coding of the measure includes the specialists. We may reassess the appropriateness of individual measures, on a case-by-case basis, to ensure appropriate inclusion in the specialty set. This is a new specialty set for 2019; therefore, we are not removing any measures from this specialty set.

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MEASURES FINALIZED FOR INCLUSION								
Indicator	NQF #	Quality #	CMS eCQM ID	Collection Type	Measure Type	National Quality Strategy Domain	Measure Title and Description	Measure Steward
* §	0421	128	CMS69v7	Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications, eCQM Specifications, MIPS CQMs Specifications	Process	Community/Population Health	<b>Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up Plan:</b> Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a BMI documented during the current encounter or during the previous 12 months AND with a BMI outside of normal parameters, a follow-up plan is documented during the encounter or during the previous 12 months of the current encounter. Normal Parameters: Age 18 years and older BMI ≥ 18.5 and < 25 kg/m2.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
! (Patient Safety)	0419	130	CMS68v8	Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications, eCQM Specifications, MIPS CQMs Specifications	Process	Patient Safety	<b>Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record:</b> Percentage of visits for patients aged 18 years and older for which the eligible professional or eligible clinician attests to documenting a list of current medications using all immediate resources available on the date of the encounter. This list must include ALL known prescriptions, over-the-counters, herbals, and vitamin/mineral/dietary (nutritional) supplements AND must contain the medications' name, dosage, frequency and route of administration.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
! (Care Coordination)	0420	131	N/A	Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications, MIPS CQMs Specifications	Process	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Pain Assessment and Follow-Up:</b> Percentage of visits for patients aged 18 years and older with documentation of a pain assessment using a standardized tool(s) on each visit AND documentation of a follow-up plan when pain is present.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
! (Care Coordination)	2624	182	N/A	Medicare Part B Claims Measure Specifications, MIPS CQMs Specifications	Process	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Functional Outcome Assessment:</b> Percentage of visits for patients aged 18 years and older with documentation of a current functional outcome assessment using a standardized functional outcome assessment tool on the date of the encounter AND documentation of a care plan based on identified functional outcome deficiencies on the date of the identified deficiencies.	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
! (Outcome) *	0422	217	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Functional Status Change for Patients with Knee Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status for patients aged 14 years+ with knee impairments. The change in functional status (FS) is assessed using the Knee FS patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.). The measure is adjusted to patient characteristics known to be associated with FS outcomes (risk adjusted) and used as a performance measure at the patient level, at the individual clinician, and at the clinic level to assess quality. The measure	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.

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! (Outcome) *)	0423	218	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<p><b>Functional Status Change for Patients with Hip Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status for patients 14 years+ with hip impairments. The change in functional status (FS) is assessed using the Hip FS patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.). The measure is adjusted to patient characteristics known to be associated with FS outcomes (risk adjusted) and used as a performance measure at the patient level, at the individual clinician, and at the clinic level to assess quality. The measure is available as a computer adaptive test, for reduced patient burden, or a short form (static survey).</p>	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.
! (Outcome) *)	0424	219	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<p><b>Functional Status Change for Patients with Lower Leg, Foot or Ankle Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status for patients 14 years+ with foot, ankle and lower leg impairments. The change in functional status (FS) assessed using the Foot/Ankle FS patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.). The measure is adjusted to patient characteristics known to be associated with FS outcomes (risk adjusted) and used as a performance measure at the patient level, at the individual clinician, and at the clinic level to assess quality. The measure is available as a computer adaptive test, for reduced patient burden, or a short form (static survey).</p>	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.
! (Outcome) *)	0425	220	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<p><b>Functional Status Change for Patients with Low Back Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status for patients 14 years+ with low back impairments. The change in functional status (FS) is assessed using the Low Back FS patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.). The measure is adjusted to patient characteristics known to be associated with FS outcomes (risk adjusted) and used as a performance measure at the patient level, at the individual clinician, and at the clinic level by to assess quality. The measure is available as a computer adaptive test, for reduced patient burden, or a short form (static survey).</p>	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.
! (Outcome) *)	0426	221	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<p><b>Functional Status Change for Patients with Shoulder Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status for patients 14 years+ with shoulder impairments. The change in functional status (FS) is assessed using the Shoulder FS patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.).The measure</p>	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.

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! (Outcome) *	0427	222	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Functional Status Change for Patients with Elbow, Wrist or Hand Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status (FS) for patients 14 years+ with elbow, wrist or hand impairments. The change in FS is assessed using the Elbow/Wrist/Hand FS patient-reported outcome measure (PROM) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.) The measure is adjusted to patient characteristics known to be associated with FS outcomes (risk adjusted) and used as a performance measure at the patient level, at the individual clinician, and at the clinic level to assess quality. The measure is available as a computer adaptive test, for reduced patient burden, or a short form (static survey).	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.
! (Outcome) *	0428	223	N/A	MIPS CQMs Specifications	Patient Reported Outcome	Communication and Care Coordination	<b>Functional Status Change for Patients with General Orthopedic Impairments:</b> A patient-reported outcome measure of risk-adjusted change in functional status (FS) for patients aged 14 years+ with general orthopedic impairments (neck, cranium, mandible, thoracic spine, ribs or other general orthopedic impairment). The change in FS is assessed using the General Orthopedic FS PROM (patient reported outcome measure) (©Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.). The measure is adjusted to patient characteristics known to be associated with FS outcomes (risk adjusted) and used as a performance measure at the patient level, at the individual clinician, and at the clinic level to assess quality. The measure is available as a computer adaptive test, for reduced patient burden, or a short form (static survey).	Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, Inc.
<p><b>Comment:</b> One commenter supported the creation of the Physical and Occupational Therapy Specialty Measure Set. The commenter encouraged CMS to make two additional measures available to physical therapists (Q126 Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy: Neurological Evaluation; and Q127 Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention Evaluation of Footwear) and three additional measures available to occupational therapists (Q134 Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan); Q181 Elder Maltreatment Screen and Follow-Up Plan); and Q226 Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention).</p> <p><b>Response:</b> We will provide this recommendation to the measure steward for measures Q126 Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy: Neurological Evaluation, Q127 Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention Evaluation of Footwear, and Q226 Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention. We will evaluate the commenter's request for inclusion for future revisions for measures Q134 Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan, Q181 Elder Maltreatment Screen and Follow-Up Plan. We maintain that the measures are still valid as currently specified which includes many clinical settings, but will thoroughly vet the request to include physical and occupational therapy.</p> <p><b>FINAL ACTION:</b> We are finalizing the <i>Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Specialty Measure Set</i> as proposed for the 2019 Performance Period and future years with the exception of the newly proposed composite measure: Falls: Screening, Risk-Assessment, and Plan of Care to Prevent Future Falls. We are no longer finalizing the inclusion of the composite falls measure because it must be fully vetted to utilize standardized tools that would appropriately identify the at-risk patient population.</p>								