

National Collaborative for Innovation in Quality Measurement

Tobacco Use and Help with Quitting Among Adolescents

DRAFT Population-Based Specifications for Core Set Consideration

Description

The percentage of adolescents 12 to 20 years of age during the measurement year for whom tobacco use status was documented and received help with quitting if identified as a tobacco user.

Definitions

Tobacco Use Status Any documentation of smoking or tobacco use status, including 'never' or 'non-use.' From the definition of Smoking Status defined by Meaningful Use Objectives, these codes count as documentation:

- Current every day smoker;
- Current some day smoker;
- Former smoker;
- Never smoker; and
- Smoker, current status unknown.

Tobacco User Any documentation of active or current use of tobacco products, including smoking. From the definition of Smoking Status defined by Meaningful Use Objectives, these codes count as documentation of active or current smoking:

- Current every day smoker;
- Current some day smoker; and
- Smoker, current status unknown.

Eligible Population

Age Adolescents who turn 12 through 20 years of age during the measurement year.

Measurement Year 12 months.

Continuous Enrollment The measurement year.

Allowable Gap Adolescents who have had no more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days during the measurement year. To determine continuous enrollment for an enrollee for whom enrollment is verified monthly, the adolescent may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., an adolescent whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled).

Anchor Date December 31 of the measurement year.

Look-Back Period 18 months.

Benefit Medical.

Event/Diagnosis None.

Hybrid Specification

Denominator The eligible population.

Numerator Documentation that the adolescent is **not** a tobacco user;

OR

Documentation that the adolescent is a tobacco user **AND** had any of the following during the measurement year or the six months prior to the measurement year:

- Advice given to quit smoking or tobacco use
- Counseling on the benefits of quitting smoking or tobacco use (e.g. "5-A" Framework)
- Assistance with or referral to external smoking or tobacco cessation support programs (e.g. telephone counseling 'quit line')
- Current enrollment in smoking or tobacco use cessation program

Note: NCINQ will work with coding experts to determine codes that correspond to relevant care setting(s), diagnoses, medications and treatment options prior to finalizing this measure.

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