HEDIS Changes: Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusion

NCQA has updated current HEDIS performance measures for plan year 2019. Nine measures will exclude members 66 and older who have an advanced illness and frailty. “By implementing these exclusions, the frail and advanced illness population can focus on care that’s more appropriate for their conditions and health status,” NCQA said. “Attention will be focused on quality measures that capture services and care processes that are most relevant for this population (e.g., improving care transitions, getting follow-up after acute care episodes, or avoiding preventable hospitalizations).” Click here to read more about these exclusions.

The measures impacted are:
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Colon Cancer Screening
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care:
  - Annual Eye exam
  - A1c
  - Medical Attention for Nephropathy
- Controlling Blood Pressure

Other measures impacted are:
- Persistence of Beta-Blocker treatment after a heart attack
- Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular disease
- Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes

Important note: For a member to be excluded, claims must include at least one code from both the advanced illness and frailty lists.

Use the HEDIS 2019 Exclusion: Advanced Illness and Frailty list to document exclusions on claims. The list can be found on the Care N’ Care website at www.cnchealthplan.com/tools-resources.

For questions about these HEDIS updates, please email texasqualitycoordinators@cnchealthplan.com or call your Provider Concierge.