

# Highlights of new & changed 2018 HEDIS measures

## NCQA'S SEVEN NEW QUALITY MEASURES

1. **Transitions of Care:** Assesses percentage of inpatient (IP) discharges for Medicare members who had each of the following during the measurement year:
  - Notification of IP Admission
  - Receipt of Discharge Information
  - Patient Engagement After IP Discharge
  - Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge
2. **Follow-up After Emergency Department (ED) Visit** for Medicare members with high-risk multiple chronic conditions (follow-up care within seven days of ED visit)
3. **Use of Opioids at High Dosage:** Assesses rate of all health plan members who receive long-term opioids at high dosage
4. **Use of Opioids from Multiple Providers:** Rate of all health plan members who receive opioids from multiple prescribers and multiple pharmacies
5. **Depression** screening and follow-up (if screened positive) for adolescents and adults
6. **Unhealthy Alcohol Use** screening and follow-up within two months (if screened positive)
7. **Pneumococcal Vaccination Coverage** for older adults

## NCQA'S CHANGES TO EXISTING MEASURES

1. **Telehealth for Behavioral Health Measures:** Introduced telehealth in seven behavioral health measures, such as allowing one follow-up visit to occur via telehealth for children prescribed Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medication.
2. **Mental Health Utilization (MPT):** Added telehealth modifiers
3. **Plan All-Cause Readmissions:** Added the Medicaid product line
4. **Breast Cancer Screening:** Added digital breast tomosynthesis to numerator criteria

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