

Most Frequently Used State Program Measures, By Domain

When considering measure alignment it is important to know what measures are being used by other organizations. This document provides a list of the most frequently used state program measures, by measure domain. The counts contained in the first column, “Number of Programs Using Measure,” are based on Buying Value’s 2013 study of state measure sets. Note that the counts also include measure use in a limited number of non-state programs.

The table below is organized by domain and within each domain the measures are grouped together with like measures. These groupings are differentiated by variation in shading. The measures are listed from highest to lowest frequency of use within each grouping of measures. For example, NQF #24, NQF #421 and NCQA ABA are all Body Mass Index (BMI)-related measures and therefore grouped and sorted by use frequency before listing the next group of related measures (e.g., well-care measures).

# Programs Using Measure	Measure Name	Steward	NQF#	Age
Cancer Screening				
30	Breast Cancer Screening	NCQA HEDIS (BCS)	0031 (no longer endorsed) ¹	All Adults (18+)
24	Cervical Cancer Screening	NCQA HEDIS (CCS)	0032 ²	All Adults (18+)

¹ NQF 0031 endorsement was removed October 2012; however a new Breast Cancer Screening measure is being developed by steward NCQA to align with practice guidelines.

² NQF 0032 endorsement was updated January 2014 to align with new practice guidelines.

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19	Colorectal Cancer Screening	NCQA HEDIS (COL)	0034	All Adults (18+)
Preventive Care				
17	Weight Assessment & Counseling for Nutrition & Physical Activity for Children & Adolescents	NCQA HEDIS (WCC)	0024	Pediatric (0-17)
14	Preventive Care and Screening: Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Follow-Up	CMS	0421	All Adults (18+)
9	Adult BMI Assessment	NCQA HEDIS (ABA)	NA	All Adults (18+)
14	Adolescent Well-Care Visits	NCQA HEDIS (AWC)	NA	Pediatric (0-17)
12	Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life	NCQA HEDIS (W15)	1392	Pediatric (0-17)
12	Well-Child Visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Years of Life	NCQA HEDIS (W34)	1516	Pediatric (0-17)
7	Child and Adolescent Access to Primary Care Practitioners	NCQA HEDIS	NA	Pediatric (0-17)
6	Adult Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services	NCQA HEDIS (AAP)	NA	All Adults (18+)
9	Annual Dental Visits	NCQA HEDIS	1388	Pediatric (0-17)
7	Lead Screening in Children	NCQA HEDIS (LSC)	NA	Pediatric (0-17)
Women's/Maternal Health				
15	Chlamydia Screening	NCQA HEDIS (CHL)	0033	All Adults (18+)
15	Maternity Care: Postpartum Care (PPC), Prenatal Visit During 1st Trimester (PPC)	NCQA HEDIS	1517	All Adults (18+)
8	Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care	NCQA HEDIS	1391	All Adults (18+)

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4	PC-01 Elective Delivery	The Joint Commission	0469	Pediatric and Adult (0-64)
Immunizations				
21	Childhood Immunization Status	NCQA HEDIS (CIS)	0038	Pediatric (0-17)
12	Immunizations for Adolescents	NCQA HEDIS (IMA)	1407	Pediatric (0-17)
9	Influenza Immunization	AMA-PCPI	0041	Pediatric and Adult (0-64)
5	Pneumococcal Vaccination Status for Older Adults	NCQA HEDIS	0043	Adult 65+
4	Flu Shots for Adults Ages 50-64	NCQA CAHPS HEDIS (FSA)	0039	Adult 65+
Behavioral Health				
19	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (30-day only)	NCQA HEDIS (FUH)	0576	Pediatric and Adult (0-64)
17	Preventive Care & Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening & Cessation Intervention	AMA-PCPI	0028	All Adults (18+)
14	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment: Composite	NCQA HEDIS (IET)	0004	Pediatric and Adult (0-64)
14	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (Continuation/ Maintenance Phase only)	NCQA HEDIS (ADD)	0108	Pediatric (0-17)
13	Antidepressant Medication Management (Continuation Phase only)	NCQA HEDIS (AMM)	0105	All Adults (18+)
12	Screening for Clinical Depression	CMS	0418	All Adults (18+)

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Cardiovascular Care				
29	Controlling High Blood Pressure ³	NCQA HEDIS (CBP)	0018	All Adults (18+)
17	Cholesterol Management for Patients with Cardiovascular Conditions (LDL-C Screening & LDL-C Control (< 100 mg/dL)) ⁴	NCQA HEDIS (CMC)	NA	All Adults (18+)
6	Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment After a Heart Attack	NCQA HEDIS (PBH)	0071	All Adults (18+)
6	Heart Failure Admission Rate (PQI 8)	AHRQ - PQI #8	0277	All Adults (18+)
6	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Profile and LDL-C Control <100 mg/dL ⁴	NCQA HEDIS	0075	All Adults (18+)
5	Heart Failure: Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker (ARB) Therapy for Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction	AMA-PCPI	0081	All Adults (18+)
4	Hypertension: Blood Pressure Measurement Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hypertension who have been seen for at least 2 office visits, with blood pressure (BP) recorded	NCQA	0013 (no longer endorsed)	All Adults (18+)

³ This measure no longer aligns with national practice guidelines. The JNC guidelines for blood pressure management have changed (no longer <140/90 mm Hg). NQF measure specifications will need to be updated.

⁴ This measure no longer aligns with national practice guidelines. The JNC guidelines for cholesterol management have changed (no longer LDL<100). NQF measure specifications will need to be updated.