

Alameda Alliance Wellness Measure Tip Sheet



Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)

This tip sheet is part of the *Alliance Medicare Stars Guide: A Resource for Providers and Clinic Staff*. This tip sheet provides measure-specific guidance, coding tips, and documentation strategies to help clinical teams close care gaps and improve performance on HEDIS® measures tied to Medicare Star Ratings.

For questions or more information, please email the Alliance Stars Team at DeptStarsTeam@alamedaalliance.org.

Data Collection Methodology: Administrative

Measure Description: The percentage of diabetic members who received a retinal eye exam.

Measure Population (denominator): Members 18-75 years old with diabetes (type 1 or type 2).

Measure Compliance (numerator): Diabetic members who had one of the following:

- A retinal or dilated eye exam by an eye care professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist) in the measurement year.
- A negative retinal or dilated eye exam (negative for retinopathy) by an eye care professional in the year prior to the measurement period.

Coding Tip: Codes submitted by an eye care professional.

Exclusions:

- Members 66 years of age and older in an I-SNP or LTI any time during the measurement year.
- Members 66 years of age and older with both frailty (during the measurement year) and advanced illness (during the measurement year or the year prior).
- Members who died at any time during the measurement year.
- Members who received hospice services or palliative services care at any time during the measurement year.
- Members with bilateral absence of eyes or eye enucleation.

How to Improve Your Stars Performance

- A digital eye exam, remote imaging, and fundus photography can count as long as the results are read by an eye care professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist).
- Document date of service eye exam was rendered by an eye care professional and the results (specialty must be noted).
- Prepare standing referral to ophthalmologist, assist patient in making appointment and track referral until specialist report is obtained and added to the patient's chart.
- Member-reported retinal eye exams are acceptable when performed and documented in the acceptable time frame.
- Documented while obtaining a history (e.g., member reports they were examined by optometrist Dr. Vision in 2024 with results negative for retinopathy).
- Make every visit count by utilizing monthly gap-in-care reports to identify patients who are due for a diabetic eye exam.
- Build preventative care screening alerts in your EHR system.