

# HEDIS<sup>®1</sup>: Care of Older Adults (COA)

## Description of the measure

Adults who are at least 66 years old in a Special Needs Plan (SNP) who have had each of the following completed during the measurement year.

## Advance care planning

Documentation of an advance directive, physician's orders for life-sustaining treatments (POLST), a living will or discussion about preferences for resuscitation, life-sustaining treatment and an end of life care.

## Medication review

Presence of a medication list in the medical record **and** at least one medication review by a prescribing practitioner or clinical pharmacist (signed and dated by reviewer).

## Functional status assessment

Notations for a complete functional status assessment must include one of the following:

- ADL (activities of daily living)
- IADL (instrumental activities of daily living)
- Results of assessment using a standardized functional status assessment tool (e.g. Barthel Index)

## Pain assessment

- Examples include numeric rating scales, pictorial pain scales and pain inventory
- Screening cannot be limited to an acute pain event (e.g. "chest pain" only will not suffice)

## Exclusion(s)

None

## Tips for best practice

- Use automated phrases or tools in your EMR for appropriate documentation:
  - Phrases like "All ADLs and IADLs were assessed. Patient is independent" will suffice for a functional status assessment
  - Numeric pain scales
- Address each screening during a patient's annual visit
- Use appropriate billing codes below:

<b>Screening</b>	<b>CPT codes</b>	<b>HCPCS</b>
Advance care planning	99483, 99497, 1123F, 1124F, 1157F, 1158F	S0257
Medication list is present in medical record	1159F	G8427
Medication list is reviewed	90863, 99483, 99605, 99606, 1160F	--
Pain assessment	1125F, 1126F	--
Functional status assessment	99483, 1170F	--