# IT-4.18: Warfarin Management

| **Measure Title** | Warfarin Management |
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| **Description** | Percentage of Patients on Warfarin with an International Normalized Ratio (INR) Result of 4 or above Whose Dosage Has Been Adjusted or Reviewed Prior to the Next Warfarin Dose, During the Measurement Period |
| **NQF Number** | Not applicable |
| **Measure Steward** | Australian Council on Healthcare Standards |
| **Link to measure citation** |  <http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/content.aspx?id=38136>  |
| **Measure type** | Non Stand-Alone (NSA) |
| **Measure status** | P4P |
| **DSRIP-specific modifications to Measure Steward’s specification** | Removed references to 6 month time period to allow for annual measurement period.Remove reference to random sample for denominator |
| **Denominator Description**  | Total number of patients on warfarin with an international normalized ratio (INR) result of 4 or above, during the measurement period |
| **Denominator Inclusions** | Patients discharged on warfarin. Patients may be identified retrospectively or prospectively depending on the local environment utilizing laboratory results, pharmacy records, or medication chart audit.  |
| **Denominator Exclusions** | The Measure Steward does not identify specific denominator exclusions beyond what is described in the denominator description. |
| **Denominator Size** | Providers must report a minimum of 30 cases per measure during a 12-month measurement period (15 cases for a 6-month measurement period)* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12 months) where the denominator size is less than or equal to 75, providers must report on all cases. No sampling is allowed.
* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12 months) where the denominator size is less than or equal to 380 but greater than 75, providers must report on all cases (preferred, particularly for providers using an electronic health record) or a random sample of not less than 76 cases.
* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12-months) where the denominator size is greater than 380, providers must report on all cases (preferred, particularly for providers using an electronic health record) or a random sample of cases that is not less than 20% of all cases; however, providers may cap the total sample size at 300 cases.
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| **Numerator Description**  | Total number of patients on warfarin with an international normalized ratio (INR) result of 4 or above whose dosage has been adjusted\* or reviewed\*\* prior to the next warfarin dose, during the measurement period\*Adjusted is defined as dose reduction or dose omission and must be documented on the medication chart.\*\*Reviewed means there is explicit documentation on the medication chart or in another predetermined section of the medical record that a high INR has been noted and that dosage adjustment is not required. |
| **Numerator Inclusions** | The Measure Steward does not identify specific numerator inclusions beyond what is described in the numerator description. |
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| **Setting** | Multiple |
| **Data Source** | Administrative clinical data, Laboratory data, Paper medical record, Pharmacy data  |
| **Denominator Sub-set Definition (Optional)**  | Providers have the option to further narrow the denominator population for this measure across one or more of the following domains. If providers wish to use this option, they must indicate their preference to HHSC through the measure selection process. **Payer:** Providers may define the denominator population such that it is limited to one of the following options: 1. Medicaid
2. Uninsured/Indigent
3. Both: Medicaid and Uninsured/Indigent

**Gender:** Providers may define the denominator population such that it is limited to one of the following options:1. Male
2. Female

**Ethnicity:** Providers may define the denominator population such that it is limited to one of the following options:1. White/Caucasian
2. Black/African American
3. Latino/Hispanic
4. Asian
5. American Indian/Alaskan Native
6. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

**Age:** Providers may define the denominator population such that it is limited to an age range:Lower Bound: \_\_\_\_ (Provider defined)Upper Bound: \_\_\_\_ (Provider defined)**Comorbid Condition:** Providers may define the denominator population such that it is limited to individuals with one or more comorbid conditions:Comorbid condition: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Provider defined)**Setting/Location:** Providers may define the denominator population such that it is limited to individuals receiving services in a specific setting or service delivery location(s).Service Setting/Delivery Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Provider defined)   |
| **Demonstration Years** | **DY3****10/01/13 – 09/30/14** | **DY4****10/01/14 – 09/30/15** | **DY5****10/01/15 – 09/30/16** |
| **Measurement Periods***(Note: For P4P measures, DY3 Measurement Period is equivalent to the Baseline Period for purposes of measuring improvement.)* | **Providers must report data for one of the following DY, SFY, or CY time periods:**12 Month Period: 1. 10/01/13 – 09/30/14, or
2. 09/01/13 – 08/31/14, or
3. 01/01/13 – 12/31/13, or
4. 10/01/12 – 09/30/13, or
5. 09/01/12 – 08/31/13

6 Month Period: 1. 04/01/14 – 09/30/14, or
2. 03/01/13 – 08/31/14, or
3. 01/01/13 – 06/30/13, or
4. 07/01/13 – 12/31/13

Other: Providers specify/propose an alternative 6 or 12 month time period to be reviewed and approved by HHSC. | **Providers must report data across a 12-month time period that meets the following parameters:**1. Start date: The start date for the reporting period must occur after the provider’s DY3 Measurement Period.2. End date: The end date for the reporting period must occur on or before 09/30/15. | **Providers must report data across a 12-month time period that meets the following parameters:**1. Start date: The start date for the reporting period must occur after the provider’s DY4 Measurement Period.2. End date: The end date for the reporting period must occur on or before 09/30/16. |
| **Reporting Opportunities to HHSC** | 10/31/2014 | 4/30/201510/31/2015 | 4/30/201610/31/2016 |
| **Pay for Performance Target Methodology** | Not Applicable | Improvement Over Self | Improvement Over Self |