


Learn How to Improve Your HEDIS¹ Rate for Osteoporosis Management

Use this tip sheet to review key details of the Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW) measure, best practices and resources.

Measure	<p>Women ages 67–85 who suffered a fracture and had either a bone mineral density (BMD) test or prescription for a drug to treat osteoporosis in the six months after the fracture.</p> <p>Appropriate testing or treatment for osteoporosis after the fracture defined by any of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A BMD test within six months/180 days of the fracture, or• Osteoporosis therapy or a dispensed prescription to treat osteoporosis filled within six months/180 days of the fracture.	 <p>Often called a silent disease, osteoporosis reduces bone mass through structural deterioration, resulting in compromised bone strength. Osteoporosis is more common in women than in men. One in two women will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetime.²</p>
Exclusions	<p>Patients who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a fracture of a finger, toe, face, or skull.• From July 1 of the prior year through the end of the measurement year:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Enrolled in an Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP) or living long-term in an institution.◦ Have advanced illness and frailty.◦ Received or had an encounter for palliative care.◦ Members 81 years of age and older with at least two indications of frailty.• Use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year.• Had BMD test within 24 months preceding the fracture.• Received osteoporosis therapy within the 12 months preceding the fracture.• Received a dispensed prescription or had an active prescription to treat osteoporosis within the 12 months preceding the fracture.• Had another fracture within 60 days preceding the fracture.• Died any time during the measurement year.	

¹ HEDIS: Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
² National Osteoporosis Foundation at www.nof.org/patients/what-is-osteoporosis: What is Osteoporosis and What Causes It.

Best practices

- Ask patients whether they have had falls or fractures since the last appointment. Address disparities in osteoporosis screening and management in diverse patient populations.
- Evaluate women for risk factors that would increase the risk of osteoporosis. Some risk factors include low body weight, excessive alcohol intake, current tobacco use, history of fractures and use of certain medications.
- Refer patients to case management for resources and help with post-fracture.
- Set up a BMD screening process to identify patients with fractures:
 - Provide a BMD prescription and urge patients to complete the screening soon.
 - Make sure the screening site notifies you with results in a timely manner.
 - Follow up with patient to ensure the BMD was completed and discuss results at patient's next visit.
- Prescribe medication to treat osteoporosis. Patients can use their pharmacy benefit to fill prescriptions.
- Discuss osteoporosis prevention with your patients, such as taking calcium and vitamin D supplements, and taking part in weight-bearing exercises.
- Promote evidence-based interventions, such as Fracture Liaison Services, coordinator-based, secondary fracture prevention services for the systemic identification and treatment of osteoporotic patients.

Use the appropriate service codes when billing

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Bone mineral density test	CPT codes 76977, 77078, 77080, 77081, 77085, 77086
	ICD-10-PCS BP48ZZ1, BP49ZZ1, BP4GZZ1, BP4HZZ1, BP4LZZ1, BP4MZZ1, BP4NZZ1, BP4PZZ1, BQ00ZZ1, BQ01ZZ1, BQ03ZZ1, BQ04ZZ1, BR00ZZ1, BR07ZZ1, BR09ZZ1, BR0GZZ1
Osteoporosis therapy	HCPCS J0897, J1740, J3110, J3111, J3489

Prescribe the appropriate medications for OMW

Description	Medication ³
Bisphosphonates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alendronate• Alendronate-cholecalciferol• Ibandronate• Risedronate• Zoledronic acid
Other agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abaloparatide• Denosumab• Raloxifene• Romosozumab• Teriparatide

³ Not all medications listed are on the 2024 Health Net Drug Formulary. Refer to wellcare.healthnetcalifornia.com/drug-pharmacy/formulary.html.

Resources

- Final Recommendation Statement, Osteoporosis to Prevent Fractures: Screening. US Preventive Services Task Force at www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/osteoporosis-screening.
- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). HEDIS Measurement Year 2024, Volume 2: Technical Specifications for Health Plans, 2023.

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