

Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins)

Displayed as: Cholesterol PDC

The percentage of individuals 18 years and older who met the Proportion of Days Covered (PDC) threshold of 80% for statins during the measurement period.

- Medication Adherence for Cholesterol is a triple weighted measure in the Medicare Star Ratings.*

Did You Know?



Statin medications are described as low, moderate, and high-intensity based on their anticipated LDL-reduction.¹



Non-statin agents, including ezetimibe and proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 (PCSK9) inhibitors, serve a role in cholesterol and cardiovascular treatment but fall outside the defined scope of this particular measure.¹



Calculation

NUMERATOR =

The number of eligible patients with statin medication adherence of $\geq 80\%$ during the treatment period

DENOMINATOR =

The number of patients with ≥ 2 claims for statin medication(s) on different dates of service with a treatment period ≥ 91 days during the measurement year

Exclusions

- Enrolled in hospice
- End-Stage Renal Disease or dialysis

¹Grundy SM, Stone NJ, Bailey AL, et al. 2018 AHA/ACC/AACVPR/AAPA/ABC/ACPM/ADA/AGS/APhA/ASPC/NLA/PCNA Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Clinical Practice Guidelines. *Circulation*. 2019;139(25):e1082–e1143. doi:10.1161/CIR.0000000000000625.

* For more information about Medicare Star Ratings, please visit the [EQUIPP Academy website](#)