

# STATIN USE IN PERSONS WITH DIABETES (SUPD)

Pharmacy Quality Alliance Endorsed Performance Measure

## Measurement definition

Patients, ages 40-75 years of age, who were dispensed two or more fills of a diabetic agent and a statin medication during the measurement year, proved by prescription claims.

## Exclusions

Patients are excluded if they:

- Are in hospice care.
- Have an end-stage renal disease (ESRD) diagnosis.

## Tips for success

- Prescribe a statin medication during the measurement year to patients diagnosed with diabetes.
- Some members who qualify for the SUPD measure may also qualify for the Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease measure. Patients with ASCVD should be prescribed a moderate-intensity or high-intensity statin.
- This measure overlaps with the Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins) measure. Educate patients on the importance of taking their medications regularly and as prescribed. Once a patient demonstrates they tolerate statin therapy, encourage them to obtain a 90-day supply at their pharmacy.

## Tips for talking with patients

- Educate patients on the importance of statin medications for diabetic patients between the ages of 40-75, regardless of LDL levels.
- Remind patients to contact you if they think they are experiencing adverse effects, such as myalgia, from statins, consider trying a different statin that is more hydrophilic or reducing the dose and/or frequency.

Note: Adherence results are based on statin prescription claims, so if patients are given medication samples and they delay filling the statin prescription, it could skew measurement data make it appear that you are not adhering to this care standard



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