

Provider Bulletin

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Care for Older Adults (COA)



Importance of COA

Older adults face increased risk for medication-related complications, functional decline, and falls. By focusing on medication management and functional status, this measure supports improved patient safety, reduces avoidable hospitalizations, and supports independence and overall quality of life.



Common reasons for gaps in care

- Services performed but not coded or documented
- Functional concerns discussed but ADL/IADLS not assessed
- Medication lists present without evidence of provider review
- Assessment completed in free text only
- Annual Wellness Visit completed without structured COA documentation

For members assigned but choosing not to establish care, go to [MC PCP Change Request Form](#)



Measure requirements

Members age 66+ must have documentation of the following during the measurement year:

Medication Review

- At least one review by a prescribing provider or pharmacist
- **Must** include a medication list in the record **or** Transitional management services (TCM)

Functional Status Assessment (FSA)

At least one assessment including:

- Evaluation of five or more Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)
- Evaluation of four or more Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)
- Use of a standardized functional status tool



Coding information

Medication Review

CPT: 90863, 99483, 99605, 99606

CPT II: 1160F (*submit with 1159F*)

Medication List Documentation

CPT II: 1159F (*submit with 1160F*)

HCPCS: G8427

Functional Status Assessment

CPT: 99483

CPT II: 1170F

HCPCS: G0438, G0439

Transitional Care Management

CPT: 99495, 99496

Important:

CPT II codes 1159F and 1160F must be reported together on the same DOS to meet requirements. CPT® is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association (AMA).



Great resources

- **ADLs**- Bathing, Dressing, Toileting, Eating, Walking/Transferring
- **IADLs**- Managing Medications, Shopping, Transportation, Meal Prep, Managing Finances
- **Functional Status Assessment Standardized Screening Tools** - Katz & Lawton, PROMIS, Barthel Index, ECOG, RAPID3, DASi, Bayer ADL, Klein-Bell

**Thank you for the care you provide
to our members**



Best Practices

Tips to improve results

- Add electronic health record (EHR) reminders for medication review and functional status assessment
- When possible, complete both during the same visit (e.g., Annual Wellness Visit)
- Use structured fields or smart phrases for ADL/IADL checklists and medication review
- Engage medical assistants or nurses in functional screening
- Encourage members to bring all medications to visits
- Promote reporting of any side-effects or medication concerns

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