

Measure #4: Screening for Future Fall Risk

- **Reporting Description:** Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older seen by the clinician and an applicable CPT Category II code reported a minimum of once during the reporting period
- **Performance Description:** Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who were screened for future fall risk (patients are considered at risk for future falls if they have had 2 or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year) at least once within 12 months

Sample Clinical Scenario

A 72 year old female patient presents to the clinician for continued medical care. The clinician documents that the patient had fallen twice in the past four months.

Eligible Cases:

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| Patient aged ≥ 65 years on date of encounter | CPT |
| AND | 97001, 97002, 97003, 97004, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99387, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404 |
| Patient encounter during reporting period | |

Reporting Options:

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| <u>Successful Reporting & Performance:</u> | CPT II |
| Patient screened for future fall risk; documentation of two or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year | 1100F OR 1101F |
| OR | |
| Patient screened for future fall risk; documentation of no falls in the past year or only one fall without injury in the past year | |
| OR | |
| <u>Successful Reporting & Excluded from Performance:</u> | CPT II |
| Documentation of medical reason(s) for not screening for future fall risk (e.g., patient is not ambulatory) | 1100F-1P OR 1101F-1P |
| OR | |
| <u>Successful Reporting & Performance Not Met:</u> | CPT II |
| Screening for future fall risk not performed, reason not specified | 1100F-8P |

Implementation Guidelines:

- There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. The entire patient population aged 65 years and older must be reported a minimum of once per patient seen from July 1 through December 31, 2007.
- Review clinical data (within the last 12 months of this encounter) regarding the presence or absence of documentation of a falls risk assessment at an encounter during the reporting period (between July 1 and December 31, 2007). Select and submit the appropriate CPT Category II code corresponding to the measure.
- Patients are considered at risk for future falls if they have had two or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year.
- A fall is defined as a sudden, unintentional change in position causing an individual to land at a lower level, on an object, the floor, or the ground, other than as a consequence of sudden onset of paralysis, epileptic seizure, or overwhelming external force (Tinetti).
- Each eligible patient seen during the reporting period will be counted once when calculating the eligible professional's reporting rate for this measure. The measure may be reported again at a subsequent visit during the reporting period. If the measure is reported more than once for an eligible patient during the reporting period, the single instance of reporting most advantageous to performance will be used when calculating the eligible professional's performance rate for this measure.
- Failure to report applicable CPT Category II code(s) in an eligible case will result in both a reporting and performance failure.
- Medical record documentation is required for all clinical actions described in a measure.