QCDR Measure:

AAO-9: Diabetic Retinopathy - Documentation of the Presence or Absence of Macular Edema and the Level of Severity of Retinopathy

National Quality Strategy Domain:

Effective Clinical Care

Measure Type:

Process

Description:

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed which included documentation of the level of severity of retinopathy and the presence or absence of macular edema during one or more office visits within 12 months.

Instructions:

This measure is to be reported a minimum of once per reporting period for patients seen during the reporting period. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide the primary management of patients with diabetic retinopathy (in either one or both eyes) will submit this measure.

Denominator:

All patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy.

Denominator Criteria

Patients aged ≥ 18 years

AND

Diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy


AND

Patient encounter during the reporting period
(CPT: 92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 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)

**Numerator:**

Patients who had a dilated macular or fundus exam performed which included documentation of the level of severity of retinopathy AND the presence or absence of macular edema during one or more office visits within 12 months

**Definitions:**

*Macular Edema* - Acceptable synonyms for macular edema include: intraretinal thickening, serous detachment of the retina, or pigment epithelial detachment.

*Severity of Retinopathy* – mild nonproliferative, moderate nonproliferative, severe nonproliferative, very severe nonproliferative, or proliferative

**Numerator Options:**

- **Performance Met:** Dilated macular or fundus exam performed, including documentation of the presence or absence of macular edema AND level of severity of retinopathy

- **Performance Exclusion:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for not performing a dilated macular or fundus examination

  **OR**

  Documentation of patient reason(s) for not performing a dilated macular or fundus examination

- **Performance Not Met:** Dilated macular or fundus exam was not performed, reason not otherwise specified

**Improvement Notation:**

Higher score indicates better performance