

HEDIS®* measure: Ensure medication reconciliation is completed after discharge

Summary of change: The medication reconciliation review after discharge is performed to prevent adverse drug events, improve patient safety and help reduce 30-day all-cause readmissions. Documentation in the outpatient medical record is proof of this process and serves as evidence of providing care coordination and patient education.

To meet HEDIS and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services medication reconciliation criteria, documentation must include:

- The discharge summary.
- The date the medication reconciliation was performed.
- A note that the provider reconciled the current and discharge medications or documentation of the current medications with a notation that references the discharge medications (i.e., no changes in medications since discharge, same medications at discharge, discontinue all discharge medications).

Only documentation in the outpatient chart **within 30 days of discharge** meets the intent of the measure. However, an outpatient visit is not required.

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