

Care of the Older Adult

Care of the Older Adult is a new measure with 4 components. It assesses the percentage of adults 65 years and older who have had each of the following during each measurement year:

1. **Advance Directives:** Document a discussion of advanced directives annually, or have a signed AD form in the chart regardless of date. In order to ensure compliance, please review advanced directives during member's annual physical exam if they are 65 or older. **New Medicare regulations now require Advance Directives to be in all member charts, including ambulatory medical records.**

Advanced directive forms can be easily obtained on the NYS website, by doing a web search for "NY State Health Care Proxy form."

2. **Functional Status Assessment:** Perform activities of daily living (ADL) assessment annually for all patients, preferably on a tool. (Must cover all ADLs, not partial such as ambulation only.)
3. **Medication Review:** Document a review of medications at least annually.
4. **Pain Screening:** Document the presence or absence of pain at all visits, preferably using a pain scale. Assess annually at a minimum.

Coding requirements

Description	CPT code
Advanced Care Planning	1157F, 1158F (CPT category II)
Medication Review	90862, 99605, 99607
Medication List	1159F (CPT category II)
Functional Status Assessment	In development
Functional Evaluation	1179F (CPT category II)
Pain Screening	1125F, 1126F, 0521F (CPT category II)

Can you record this measure in your electronic medical record? If not, ask your IT department how they can help you "flip the switch" to make that possible.

Having trouble getting Health Care Proxies? Affinity Health Plan can send you copies.

For more information on this new measure, call Affinity Health Plan at 718-794-6062.