

Quality ID #112SSP: Breast Cancer Screening

2026 COLLECTION TYPE:

MEDICARE CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES FOR ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDICARE SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM (Medicare CQMs)

MEASURE TYPE:

Process

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of women 40 - 74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the 27 months prior to the end of the measurement period.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Reporting Frequency:

This measure is to be submitted a minimum of **once per performance period** for denominator eligible cases as defined in the denominator criteria.

Intent and Clinician Applicability:

This measure is intended to reflect the quality of services provided for women 40-74 years of age who had a mammogram. There is no diagnosis associated with this measure. The patient should either be screened for breast cancer on the date of service OR there should be documentation that the patient was screened for breast cancer at least once within **27 months prior to the end of the performance period**. Performance for this measure is not limited to the performance period. This measure may be submitted by Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions as defined by the numerator based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Strata and Performance Rates:

This measure contains one strata defined by a single submission criteria.

This measure produces a single performance rate.

Implementation Considerations:

For the purposes of MIPS implementation, this patient-process measure is submitted a minimum of once per patient during the performance period. The most advantageous quality data code (QDC) will be used if the measure is submitted more than once.

ACOs receive a Quarterly List of Beneficiaries Eligible for Medicare CQMs, which includes an ACOs Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) beneficiaries who are eligible for Medicare CQM reporting based on available claims data. Please refer to 42 CFR 425.20 for the [definition of a beneficiary eligible for Medicare CQMs](#). The Quarterly List is intended to be a resource for identifying beneficiaries eligible for Medicare CQM reporting, however, the ACO determines which beneficiaries meet the measure's denominator criteria for reporting. ACOs may identify beneficiaries that are eligible for Medicare CQM reporting without using the Quarterly List. To remain aligned to the measure specifications, ACOs should use the most complete and accurate data to determine denominator eligibility and assess for the measure's numerator quality action.

Telehealth

TELEHEALTH ELIGIBLE: This measure **is appropriate for and applicable to the telehealth setting**. Patient encounters conducted via telehealth using encounter code(s) found in the denominator encounter criteria are allowed for this measure. Therefore, if the patient meets all denominator criteria for a telehealth encounter, it would be appropriate to include them in the denominator eligible patient population. Telehealth eligibility is at the measure level for inclusion within the denominator eligible patient population and based on the measure specification definitions which

are independent of changes to coding and/or billing practices.

Measure Submission:

The quality data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third party intermediaries that utilize this collection type for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. The coding provided to identify the measure criteria: Denominator or Numerator, may be an example of coding that could be used to identify patients that meet the intent of this clinical topic. When implementing this measure, please refer to the 'Reference Coding' section to determine if other codes or code languages that meet the intent of the criteria may also be used within the medical record to identify and/or assess patients. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

DENOMINATOR:

Women 41 - 74 years of age with a visit during the measurement period.

DENOMINATOR NOTE:

The intent of the measure is that starting at age 40 women should have one or more mammograms every 24 months with a 3 month grace period. The intent of the exclusion for individuals age 66 and older residing in long-term care facilities, including nursing homes, is to exclude individuals who may have limited life expectancy and increased frailty where the benefit of the process may not exceed the risks. This exclusion is not intended as a clinical recommendation regarding whether the measures process is inappropriate for specific populations, instead the exclusion allows clinicians to engage in shared decision making with patients about the benefits and risks of screening when an individual has limited life expectancy.

To assess the age for exclusions, the patient's age on the date of the encounter should be used.

**Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for Medicare CQMs.*

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

Patients 41 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period

AND

Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT or HCPCS): 98000, 98001, 98002, 98003, 98004, 98005, 98006, 98007, 98008, 98009, 98010, 98011, 98012, 98013, 98014, 98015, 98016, 98979, 98980, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99341, 99342, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99386*, 99387*, 99396*, 99397*, 99421, 99422, 99423, 99457, 99470, G0402, G0438, G0439, G2250, G2251, G2252

AND NOT**DENOMINATOR EXCLUSIONS:**

Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy: G9708

OR

Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period: G9709

OR

Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period: G9992

OR

Patients age 66 or older in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period: G9898

OR

Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period: G2098

OR

Patients 66 years of age and older with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or the year prior to the measurement period: G2099

Reference Coding/Medication:

Table 1: Denominator Exclusion for a **dispensed medication for dementia [G2098]** is defined by the following Dementia Medications **only**:

Description	Prescription
Cholinesterase inhibitors	Donepezil Galantamine Rivastigimine
Miscellaneous central nervous system agents	Memantine
Dementia combinations	Donepezil-memantine

Denominator Exclusion for Frailty [G2098 and G2099] is defined by the following coding **only**:

99504, 99509, E0100, E0105, E0130, E0135, E0140, E0141, E0143, E0144, E0147, E0148, E0149, E0163, E0165, E0167, E0168, E0170, E0171, E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290, E0291, E0292, E0293, E0294, E0295, E0296, E0297, E0301, E0302, E0303, E0304, E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440, E0441, E0442, E0443, E0444, E0462, E0465, E0466, E0470, E0471, E0472, E0561, E0562, E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295, E1296, E1297, E1298, G0162, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494, S0271, S0311, S9123, S9124, T1000, T1001, T1002, T1003, T1004, T1005, T1019, T1020, T1021, T1022, T1030, T1031, L89.000, L89.001, L89.002, L89.003, L89.004, L89.006, L89.009, L89.010, L89.011, L89.012, L89.013, L89.014, L89.016, L89.019, L89.020, L89.021, L89.022, L89.023, L89.024, L89.026, L89.029, L89.100, L89.101, L89.102, L89.103, L89.104, L89.106, L89.109, L89.110, L89.111, L89.112, L89.113, L89.114, L89.116, L89.119, L89.120, L89.121, L89.122, L89.123, L89.124, L89.126, L89.129, L89.130, L89.131, L89.132, L89.133, L89.134, L89.136, L89.139, L89.140, L89.141, L89.142, L89.143, L89.144, L89.146, L89.149, L89.150, L89.151, L89.152, L89.153, L89.154, L89.156, L89.159, L89.200, L89.201, L89.202, L89.203, L89.204, L89.206, L89.209, L89.210, L89.211, L89.212, L89.213, L89.214, L89.216, L89.219, L89.220, L89.221, L89.222, L89.223, L89.224, L89.226, L89.229, L89.300, L89.301, L89.302, L89.303, L89.304, L89.306, L89.309, L89.310, L89.311, L89.312, L89.313, L89.314, L89.316, L89.319, L89.320, L89.321, L89.322, L89.323, L89.324, L89.326, L89.329, L89.40, L89.41, L89.42, L89.43, L89.44, L89.45, L89.46, L89.500, L89.501, L89.502, L89.503, L89.504, L89.506, L89.509, L89.510, L89.511, L89.512, L89.513, L89.514, L89.516, L89.519, L89.520, L89.521, L89.522, L89.523, L89.524, L89.526, L89.529, L89.600, L89.601, L89.602, L89.603, L89.604, L89.606, L89.609, L89.610, L89.611, L89.612, L89.613, L89.614, L89.616, L89.619, L89.620, L89.621, L89.622, L89.623, L89.624, L89.626, L89.629, L89.810, L89.811, L89.812, L89.813, L89.814, L89.816, L89.819, L89.890, L89.891, L89.892, L89.893, L89.894, L89.896, L89.899, L89.90, L89.91, L89.92, L89.93, L89.94, L89.95, L89.96, M62.50, M62.81, M62.84, R26.2, R26.89, R26.9, R29.6, R53.1, R53.81, R54, R62.7, R63.4, R63.6, R64, W01.0XXA, W01.0XXD, W01.0XXS, W01.10XA, W01.10XD, W01.10XS, W01.110A, W01.110D, W01.110S, W01.111A, W01.111D, W01.111S, W01.118A, W01.118D, W01.118S, W01.119A, W01.119D, W01.119S, W01.190A, W01.190D, W01.190S, W01.198A, W01.198D, W01.198S, W06.XXXA, W06.XXXD, W06.XXXS, W07.XXXA, W07.XXXD, W07.XXXS, W08.XXXA, W08.XXXD, W08.XXXS, W10.0XXA, W10.0XXD, W10.0XXS, W10.1XXA, W10.1XXD, W10.1XXS, W10.2XXA, W10.2XXD, W10.2XXS, W10.8XXA, W10.8XXD, W10.8XXS, W10.9XXA, W10.9XXD, W10.9XXS, W18.00XA, W18.00XD, W18.00XS, W18.02XA, W18.02XD, W18.02XS, W18.09XA, W18.09XD, W18.09XS, W18.11XA, W18.11XD, W18.11XS, W18.12XA, W18.12XD, W18.12XS, W18.2XXA, W18.2XXD, W18.2XXS, W18.30XA, W18.30XD, W18.30XS, W18.31XA, W18.31XD, W18.31XS, W18.39XA, W18.39XD, W18.39XS, W19.XXXA, W19.XXXD, W19.XXXS, Y92.199, Z59.3, Z73.6, Z74.01, Z74.09, Z74.1, Z74.2, Z74.3, Z74.8, Z74.9, Z91.81, Z99.11, Z99.3, Z99.81, Z99.89

A81.00, A81.01, A81.09, C25.0, C25.1, C25.2, C25.3, C25.4, C25.7, C25.8, C25.9, C71.0, C71.1, C71.2, C71.3, C71.4, C71.5, C71.6, C71.7, C71.8, C71.9, C77.0, C77.1, C77.2, C77.3, C77.4, C77.5, C77.8, C77.9, C78.00, C78.01, C78.02, C78.1, C78.2, C78.30, C78.39, C78.4, C78.5, C78.6, C78.7, C78.80, C78.89, C79.00, C79.01, C79.02, C79.10, C79.11, C79.19, C79.2, C79.31, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, C79.51, C79.52, C79.60, C79.61, C79.62, C79.70, C79.71, C79.72, C79.81, C79.82, C79.89, C79.9, C91.00, C91.02, C92.00, C92.02, C93.00, C93.02, C93.90, C93.92, C93.20, C93.22, C94.30, C94.32, F01.50, F01.511, F01.518, F01.52, F01.53, F01.54, F01.A0, F01.A11, F01.A18, F01.A2, F01.A3, F01.A4, F01.B0, F01.B11, F01.B18, F01.B2, F01.B3, F01.B4, F01.C0, F01.C11, F01.C18, F01.C2, F01.C3, F01.C4, F02.80, F02.811, F02.818, F02.82, F02.83, F02.84, F02.A0, F02.A11, F02.A18, F02.A2, F02.A3, F02.A4, F02.B0, F02.B11, F02.B18, F02.B2, F02.B3, F02.B4, F02.C0, F02.C11, F02.C18, F02.C2, F02.C3, F02.C4, F03.90, F03.911, F03.918, F03.92, F03.93, F03.94, F03.A0, F03.A11, F03.A18, F03.A2, F03.A3, F03.A4, F03.B0, F03.B11, F03.B18, F03.B2, F03.B3, F03.B4, F03.C0, F03.C11, F03.C18, F03.C2, F03.C3, F03.C4, F04, F10.27, F10.96, F10.97, G10, G12.21, G20.A1, G20.A2, G20.B1, G20.B2, G20.C, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, G31.01, G31.09, G31.83, G35.A, G35.B0, G35.B1, G35.B2, G35.C0, G35.C1, G35.C2, G35.D, I09.81, I11.0, I12.0, I13.0, I13.11, I13.2, I50.1, I50.20, I50.21, I50.22, I50.23, I50.30, I50.31, I50.32, I50.33, I50.40, I50.41, I50.42, I50.43, I50.810, I50.811, I50.812, I50.813, I50.814, I50.82, I50.83, I50.84, I50.89, I50.9, J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J68.4, J84.10, J84.112, J84.170, J84.178, J96.10, J96.11, J96.12, J96.20, J96.21, J96.22, J96.90, J96.91, J96.92, J98.2, J98.3, K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.30, K70.31, K70.40, K70.41, K70.9, K74.00, K74.01, K74.02, K74.1, K74.2, K74.4, K74.5, K74.60, K74.69, N18.5, N18.6

Women with one or more mammograms any time on or between October 1 two years prior to the measurement period and the end of the measurement period.

Mammography screening – is defined by a bilateral screening (both breasts) of breast tissue. If only one breast is present, unilateral screening (one side) must be performed on the remaining breast.

Numerator Instructions:

Please note the measure may include screenings performed outside the age range of patients referenced in the initial population. Screenings that occur prior to the measurement period are valid to meet measure criteria.

Patient reported mammograms, when recorded in the medical record, are acceptable for meeting the numerator.

Performance Met:

OR

Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified (G9900)

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Breast cancer is one of the most common types of cancers, accounting for 15 percent of all new cancer diagnoses in the U.S. (Noone et al., 2018). In 2015, over 3 million women were estimated to be living with breast cancer in the U.S. and it is estimated that 12 percent of women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point during their lifetime (Noone et al., 2018).

While there are other factors that affect a woman's risk of developing breast cancer, advancing age is a primary risk factor. Breast cancer is most frequently diagnosed among women ages 55-64; the median age at diagnosis is 62 years (Noone et al., 2018).

The chance of a woman being diagnosed with breast cancer in a given year increases with age. By age 40, the chances are 1 in 68; by age 50 it becomes 1 in 43; by age 60, it is 1 in 29 (American Cancer Society, 2017).

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends biennial screening mammography for women aged 40-74 years (B recommendation) (USPSTF, 2024).

The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening mammography in women aged 75 years or older (I statement) (USPSTF, 2024).

The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the benefits and harms of digital breast tomosynthesis (DBT) as a primary screening method for breast cancer (I Statement) (USPSTF, 2024).

The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of adjunctive screening for breast cancer using breast ultrasonography, magnetic resonance imaging, in women identified to have dense breasts on an otherwise negative screening mammogram (I statement) (USPSTF, 2024).

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and the American College of Radiology (ACR) recommend using conventional mammography or DBT for screening women at low, intermediate or high risk for breast cancer (NCCN, 2021) (ACR, 2017).

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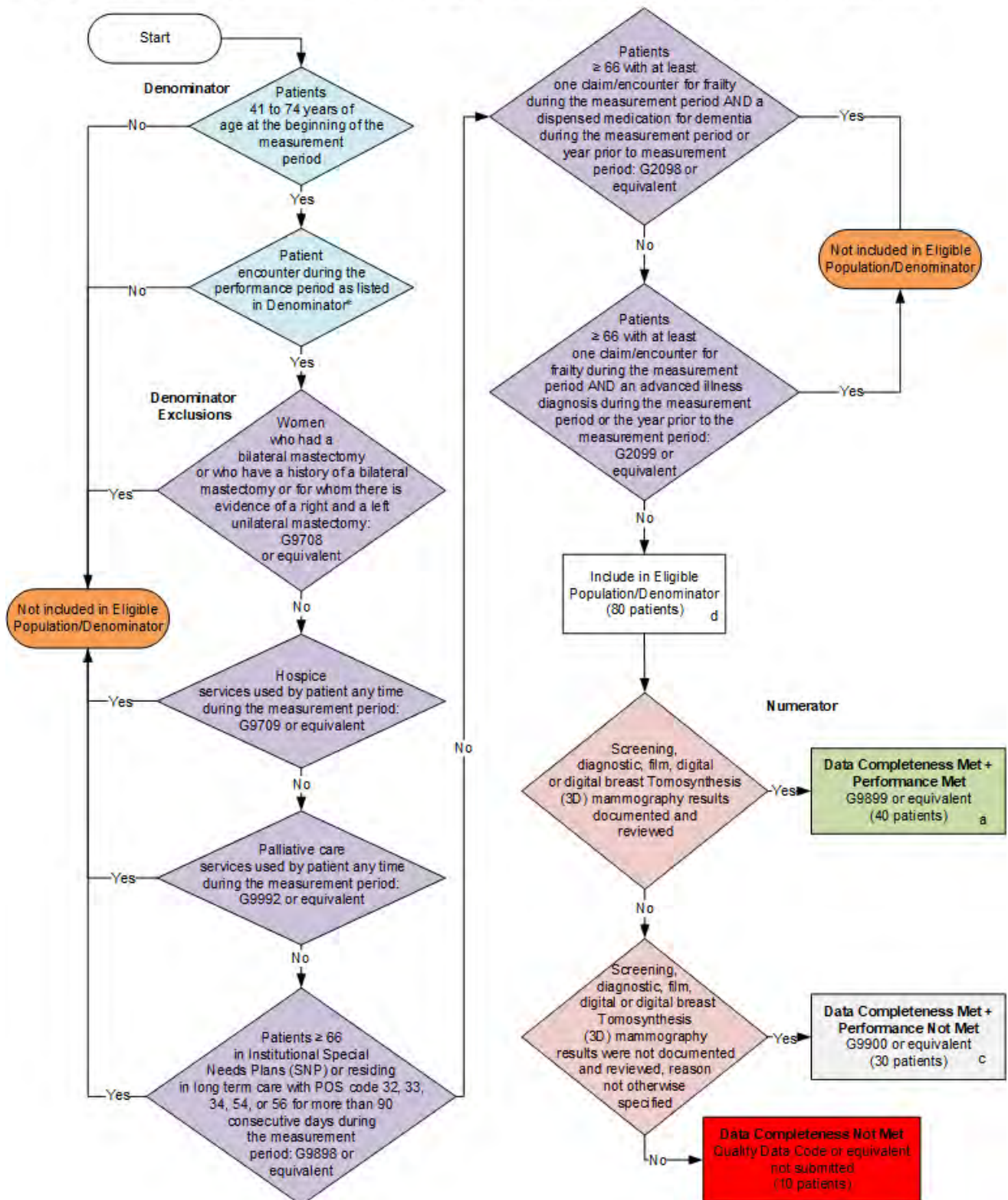
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2026 Clinical Quality Measure Flow for Quality ID #112: Breast Cancer Screening

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SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

Data Completeness=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=30 patients)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=80 patients)}} = \frac{70 \text{ patients}}{80 \text{ patients}} = 87.50\%$$

Performance Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=40 patients)}}{\text{Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients)}} = \frac{40 \text{ patients}}{70 \text{ patients}} = 57.14\%$$

* See the posted measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure.

NOTE: Submission Frequency: Patient-Process

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**2026 Clinical Quality Measure Flow Narrative for Quality ID #112SSP:
Breast Cancer Screening**

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1. Start with Denominator
2. Check *Patients 41 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period*:
 - a. If *Patients 41 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period* equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
 - b. If *Patients 41 to 74 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period* equals Yes, proceed to check *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator**.
3. Check *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator**:
 - a. If *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator** equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
 - b. If *Patient encounter during the performance period as listed in Denominator** equals Yes, proceed to check *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy*.
4. Check *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy*:
 - a. If *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
 - b. If *Women who had a bilateral mastectomy or who have a history of a bilateral mastectomy or for whom there is evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy* equals No, proceed to check *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period*.
5. Check *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period*:
 - a. If *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
 - b. If *Hospice services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals No, proceed to check *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period*.
6. Check *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period*:
 - a. If *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
 - b. If *Palliative care services used by patient any time during the measurement period* equals No, proceed to check *Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period*.
7. Check *Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period*:

- a. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
 - b. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 in Institutional Special Needs Plans (SNP) or residing in long term care with POS code 32, 33, 34, 54, or 56 for more than 90 consecutive days during the measurement period equals No, proceed to check Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period.
8. Check Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period:
 - a. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
 - b. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND a dispensed medication for dementia during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals No, proceed to check Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period.
9. Check Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period:
 - a. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals Yes, do not include in Eligible Population/Denominator. Stop processing.
 - b. If Patients greater than or equal to 66 with at least one claim/encounter for frailty during the measurement period AND an advanced illness diagnosis during the measurement period or year prior to measurement period equals No, include in Eligible Population/Denominator.
10. Denominator Population:
 - a. Denominator Population is all Eligible Patients in the Denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 80 patients in the Sample Calculation.
11. Start Numerator
12. Check Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results documented and reviewed:
 - a. If Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results documented and reviewed equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
 - Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented as Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 40 patients in the Sample Calculation.

- b. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results documented and reviewed* equals No, proceed to check *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified*.
13. Check *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified*:
 - a. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified* equals Yes, include in *Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met*.
 - *Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met* letter is represented as Data Completeness in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 30 patients in the Sample Calculation.
 - b. If *Screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast Tomosynthesis (3D) mammography results were not documented and reviewed, reason not otherwise specified* equals No, proceed to check *Data Completeness Not Met*.
14. Check *Data Completeness Not Met*:
 - a. If *Data Completeness Not Met*, the Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted. 10 patients have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.

Sample Calculations:

Data Completeness equals Performance Met (a equals 40 patients) plus Performance Not Met (c equals 30 patients) divided by Eligible Population/Denominator (d equals 80 patients). All equals 70 patients divided by 80 patients. All equals 87.50 percent.

Performance Rate equals Performance Met (a equals 40 patients) divided by Data Completeness Numerator (70 patients). All equals 40 patients divided by 70 patients. All equals 57.14 percent.

*See the posted measure specification for specific coding and instructions to submit this measure.

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