

Care of Older Adults (COA)

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Why it Matters

Many older adults often have multiple chronic conditions and subsequently higher health care needs.

Individuals within this population frequently require visits with multiple providers and are at an increased risk of experiencing fragmented care.



Older adults face many challenges that can increase the complexity of coordinating care, including their advancing age, low health literacy, frailty, and functional limitations. Screening elderly adults is an effective way to identify functional decline, recognize the complexity of medication regimes and identify patients' ability to manage their health condition at home in order to optimize their quality of life.



Measure Description

The percentage of adults ages 66-and-older that are enrolled in a Medicare Special Needs Plan (SNP) and had each of the following during the measurement year:

- ✓ Functional Status Assessment
- ✓ Medication Review



Key Tips

- ✓ Educate patients on the importance of annual preventive visits (APV).
- ✓ Complete the functional status assessment and medication review as part of an APV.
- ✓ If a patient does not take any medications, document and date "no medications" in the electronic medical record (EMR).

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- ✓ Incorporate a standardized template to capture required assessment elements.
- ✓ Use a standardized functional assessment tool.
- ✓ Reach out to members who cancel appointments and assist them with rescheduling as soon as possible.



What Do You Need to Do?

✓ Medication Review

- Documentation in the medical record that the member is not taking any medication is acceptable for medication review.

✓ Functional Status Assessment

- At least one complete functional status assessment performed in an outpatient setting in the current measurement year with dated notation in the patient's medical record, which may include:
 - Assessment of instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) or activities of daily living (ADL).
 - ADL – Notation of at least FIVE of the following activities of daily living or ADLs were assessed – bathing, dressing, eating, getting in and out of bed or chair, using the toilet, walking.
 - IADL – Notation of at least four of the following instrumental activities of daily living or IADLs were assessed: shopping for groceries, cooking or meal prep, laundry, driving or using public transportation, housework, taking medications, using the telephone, home repair, and handling finances.
- Results using a standardized functional assessment tool, including date it was completed.

The suggested codes for these services include:

Description	Code
Medication Review	CPT II: 1160F
Medication List	CPT II: 1159F
Functional Status Assessment	CPT II: 1170F