

Tobacco Use Screening and Cessation Intervention (TSC-E) HEDIS Measure Tip



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TOBACCO USE SCREENING AND CESSATION INTERVENTION (TSC-E)

Measure Description

The percentage of persons 12 years of age and older who were screened for commercial tobacco product use at least once during the measurement period, and who received tobacco cessation intervention if identified as a tobacco user. **Two rates are reported:**

- Tobacco Use Screening:** The percentage of persons who were screened for tobacco use.
- Cessation Intervention:** The percentage of persons who were identified as a tobacco user and who received tobacco cessation intervention.

Applicable Codes*	
Description	Tobacco Use: "Yes"
LOINC Codes	LA33-6
SNOMED Codes	373066001
Description	Positive for Tobacco Use
LOINC Codes	LA18976-3, LA18977-1, LA18981-3, LA18982-1
SNOMED Codes	56578002, 56771006, 59978006, 65568007, 77176002, 81703003, 82302008, 110483000, 160603005, 160604004, 160605003, 160606002, 160619003, 228494002, 228499007, 228504007, 228514003, 228515002, 228516001, 228517005, 228518000, 230059006, 230060001, 230062009, 230063004, 230064005, 230065006, 266920004, 449867007, 449868002, 449869005, 698289004, 713914004, 722499006, 785889008, 1137691001, 35341000087101, 35371000087109, 428041000124106, 428061000124105, 428071000124103, 450811000124104, 450821000124107, 881661000124108, 881721000124105, 881731000124108
Description	Tobacco Use: "No"
LOINC Codes	LA32-8
SNOMED Codes	373067005

*Codes subject to change

Applicable Codes*	
Description	Negative for Tobacco Use
LOINC Codes	LA15920-4, LA18978-9
SNOMED Codes	8392000, 8517006, 53896009, 87739003, 105539002, 105540000, 105541001, 160620009, 160621008, 228491005, 228492003, 228493008, 228501004, 228502006, 228503001, 228511006, 228512004, 228513009, 266919005, 266921000, 266922007, 266924008, 266925009, 266928006, 281018007, 360890004, 360900008, 360918006, 360929005, 405746006, 702975009, 702979003, 735128000, 1137688001, 1137690000, 1137692008, 221000119102, 48031000119106, 428081000124100, 428091000124102, 451371000124109, 451381000124107, 456711000124105, 881671000124101, 881681000124103
Description	Tobacco Use Screening
LOINC Codes	39240-7, 68535-4, 68536-2
Description	Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling
CPT Codes	99406, 99407
SNOMED Codes	171055003, 185795007, 185796008, 225323000, 225324006, 310429001, 315232003, 384742004, 395700008, 702388001, 710081004, 711028002, 713700008, 1148687006, 449841000124108, 449851000124105, 449861000124107

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To improve HEDIS measure:

- Screen every eligible member:
 - » Incorporate tobacco use screening into annual wellness visits, preventive care, and chronic disease management.
 - » Use standardized questions: “Do you currently use any tobacco products?”
 - » Document screening in the EHR using correct codes (SNOMED, CPT, ICD-10)
- Behavioral Counseling: Brief Advise, motivational interviewing or referral to cessation programs
- Pharmacotherapy: FDA-approved medications for adults
- Document both counseling and medication dispensed, not just prescribed
- Schedule follow-up visits or calls to reinforce cessation efforts
- Document quit attempts and ongoing support

Note: CDC provides resources and patient support through “[How to Quit Smoking](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/tobacco-features/quitlines.html)” at **1-800-QUIT-NOW** or visit CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/tobacco-features/quitlines.html>

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