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NJ DSRIP 38 Specification Review

Engagement of alcohol and other drug treatment

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Agenda and Objective

This recording provides a review of the latest specifications for *DSRIP 38: Engagement of alcohol and other drug treatment*. These specifications are reflected in the publication of Databook v5.1. This recording is meant to be a companion with the [February 2019 DSRIP webinar](#).

By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Interpret the Databook v5.1 DSRIP 38 Measure Specifications and changes from Databook v4.1.



DSRIP 38 Specification Review

Engagement of alcohol and other drug treatment.



Overview

Several updates have been made to this measure specification, which can be reviewed in detail in the Databook v5.1 redline version. It would be useful for you to have the redline version of the Databook v5.1 open as you follow along with this recording.

The changes reflected in v5.1 are meant to align with the NCQA 2019 specification update but do not match the NCQA specification exactly. This recording reviews the key changes and points out where the DSRIP specification diverges from the published NCQA specification.



Key Changes

Changes to align with NCQA 2019

- The numerator timeline extends from 30 days to 34 days.
- Telehealth code sets now reflected in numerator, not just denominator.
- Details on how medication treatment events impact numerator compliance.
- Intake period for denominator inclusion changed from Nov. 15 to Nov. 14.

Divergence from NCQA 2019

- In 2018 NCQA began stratifying by Alcohol or Other Drug (AOD) diagnosis cohort (alcohol abuse or dependence, opioid abuse or dependence, other drug abuse or dependence and total). DSRIP will not introduce these stratifications into the performance measurement.



Implications

- Because of the drastic nature of these changes, the Department of Health will recalculate a value for DY6 performance using these updated specifications that will serve as the baseline to enable appropriate trending for DY7 payment (ie. rebasing).
- Hospitals will be able to review their rebased DY6 value within their payment packets for DY7.



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Databook v4.1 Numerator

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Appendix A-358 or A-359 refer to the Medications Value Set Excel file

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Engagement period
used to begin the *day of*
discharge. Now it begins
the *day after*.



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Ex.1

Initiation Event

Medication
treatment
event

+

Engagement Event

Medication
treatment event

+

Engagement Event

Medication
treatment event

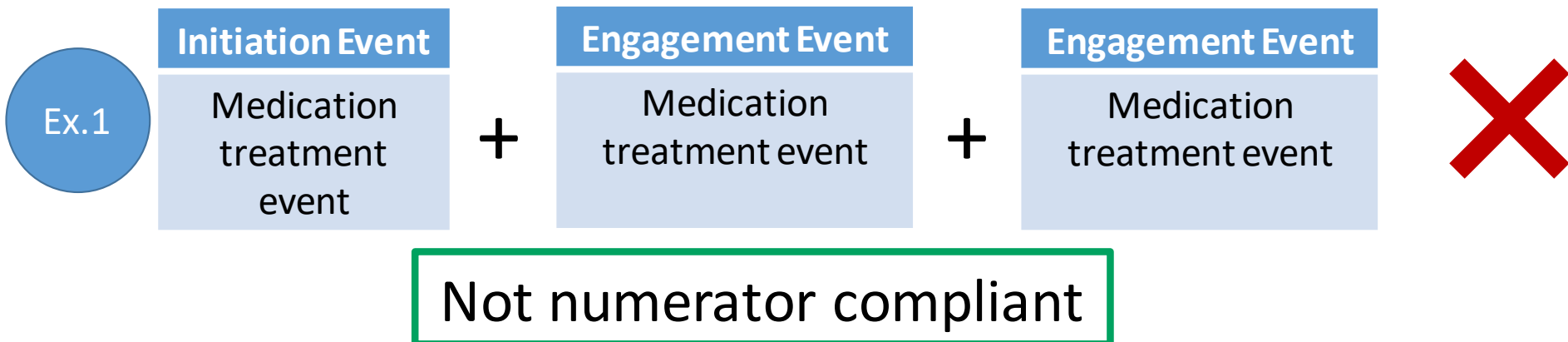


Measure Logic

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Ex.2

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Engagement Event

Medication
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Engagement Event

Outpatient visit



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Medication
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Engagement Event

Medication
treatment
event

+

Engagement Event

Outpatient visit



Numerator compliant



Additional Numerator Criteria – STEP 4

4. The remaining members whose initiation of AOD treatment was not a medication treatment event (members not identified in step 3) are numerator compliant if they meet any of the following:

- At least one engagement medication treatment event.
- At least two engagement visits.



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4. The remaining members whose initiation of AOD treatment was not a medication treatment event (members not identified in step 3) are numerator compliant if they meet any of the following:

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New numerator criteria!



Measure Logic

Additional Numerator Criteria – STEP 4

4. The remaining members whose initiation of AOD treatment was not a medication treatment event (members not identified in step 3) are numerator compliant if they meet any of the following:

- At least one medication treatment event.
- At least two numerator compliant engagement encounters/visits.

Yes, this means that in some scenarios, only 1 engagement encounter is needed to meet numerator compliance

Ex.1

Initiation Event

Not medication treatment event

+

Engagement Event

Medication treatment event



Numerator compliant



Additional Numerator Criteria – STEP 4

4. The remaining members whose initiation of AOD treatment was not a medication treatment event (members not identified in step 3) are numerator compliant if they meet any of the following:

- At least one medication treatment event.
- At least two numerator compliant engagement encounters/visits.

Two engagement visits can be on the same date of service but they must be with different providers in order to count as two events.

EXCEPTION!

A non medication treatment event on the same date of service as a medication treatment event meets numerator criteria (there is no requirement that these same day engagement services be with different providers).



Additional Numerator Criteria – STEP 5

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No change to this criteria



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This changed from
November 15 to
November 14



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New episodes of AOD that take place among your attributed patients after November 14 of the measurement year will not be pulled into the measure denominator.



Denominator Criteria – Step 1

Determine the Index Episode, which could include:

1. An outpatient visit, telephone visits, intensive outpatient encounter (Appendix A-227) or (Appendix A-228 and Appendix A-229) with or without a telehealth modifier, or partial hospitalization (Appendix A-230 and Appendix A-231) with a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225).
2. A detoxification visit (Appendix A-232).



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Index Episode Start Date
is the date of service



Denominator Criteria – Step 1

Determine the Index Episode, which could include:

3. An ED visit (Appendix A-233) with a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225).
 - If ED visit results in inpatient stay, inpatient stay is used as Index Episode.



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If ED visit results in inpatient stay,
inpatient stay discharge is used as
Index Episode start date.



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2. A detoxification visit (Appendix A-232).
3. An ED visit (Appendix A-233) with a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225).
 - If ED visit results in inpatient stay, inpatient stay is used as Index Episode.
4. An inpatient discharge with a diagnosis of AOD as identified by either of the following:
 - An inpatient facility code (Appendix A-226) in conjunction with: a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225) or an AOD procedure code (Appendix A-234).
5. A telephone visit (Appendix A-352) with a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225).
6. An online assessment (Appendix A-353) with a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225).

For patients with more than 1 episode of AOD, the first episode will be used as the index episode.



Denominator Criteria – Step 2

Test the Negative Diagnosis History:

This aims to ensure only patients with new episodes of AOD are included in the denominator.

- Patients who had a claim with a diagnosis of AOD (Appendix A-225 or Appendix A-354) or a Medication Assisted Treatment event (Appendix A-358 or Appendix A-359) during the 60 days (2 months) before the IESD will be excluded.

Denominator Criteria – Step 3

Confirm continuous enrollment criteria: patients enrolled 60 days prior to the Index episode start date (IESD) and then 48 days after the IESD.



Key Changes

- The numerator timeline extends to 34 days.
- Telehealth code sets now reflected in numerator, not just denominator.
- Details on how medication treatment events impact numerator compliance.
- Intake period for the denominator inclusion cuts off on November 14.





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with any additional questions.**



Acronym Reference

- AOD = Alcohol and Other Drug
- ED = Emergency Department
- NCQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance (measure steward)

