

Viral Hepatitis

Quality Measures

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What are quality measures?

Quality measures are a standardized way for healthcare institutions to track and measure how effective providers and clinical settings are in delivering high-quality care to patients. Quality measures may look at process (such as how many patients receive recommended tests) and outcomes (such as how many patients achieve viral suppression). They can identify gaps, inform quality improvement, and focus efforts on effective, safe, efficient, patient-centered, equitable, and timely care.



While certain quality measures are required by payers such as Medicaid and Medicare, states and healthcare institutions also have the option to adopt which quality measures they believe will best serve their populations for others, contributing to better health outcomes and best practices that can be used with other populations and communities.

Importance of Viral Hepatitis Quality Measures



Viral hepatitis surveillance capacity is low in the U.S., contributing to underreporting, uncertainty of where cases reside, and missed opportunities to link people to care.

States currently have the opportunity to voluntarily adopt three quality measures for viral hepatitis through the 2027 Medicaid Adult Core Set via the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). These measures count the number and percentage of adult, non-dually eligible Medicaid beneficiaries who were **tested for hepatitis B, tested for hepatitis C, and treated for hepatitis C**. Adopting these quality measures around screening will strengthen viral hepatitis reporting and improve health outcomes for patients who are screened and subsequently linked to vaccination or care.

Who creates quality measures in the U.S.?

Multiple groups play a role in the development and maintenance ("stewardship") of quality measures, including the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ), and various state & professional societies.

The steward for the Evaluation of Hepatitis B & C (EHBC) measure is MODRN (the Medicaid Outcomes Distributed Research Network).

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