

NYS - UDS Training 12/18/18

- Counting Visit - If patient comes in for root canal (dental service) and a medical visit on the same day each is counted as a separate visit
- Q: Does patient visit count towards a 'universe' if they only saw a podiatrist but did not seek medical care in the year?
A: No, since podiatry is an "Other Professional" service, the patient would not count as a medical patient and therefore is excluded from the universe for any performance measure requiring at least one medical visit. However, if patient comes in to see a cardiologist (a medical visit), patient will fall in to the universe for all applicable clinical measures
- If patient is seen only by behavioral health providers i.e. psychiatrist or psych nurse, patient is counted as a mental health patient and not medical patient, even if the BH provider performs depression screening
- Can health centers submit a #70 sample size this year? Yes, but the health center will not qualify for Quality Awards.
- Q: Is there a 5-year look back for diagnosis for patients with chronic diseases?
A: No, there is no specified "look back". Provided the patient has a current diagnosis (probably documented in the patients' current problem list), the patient is included in the universe for the applicable condition.
- The Full 2018 UDS Measure Criteria is available online at the eCQI Resource Center and USHIK sites.
- Q: How does a measure calculate age?
A: Criteria specifications calculate age based on patient date of birth i.e. MM/DD/YYYY
- Asthma measure looks at prescribing of medication but not patient taking or the outcome from taking the prescription
- Tobacco screening measure
 - If patient screens positive for tobacco use and is counseled to stop but is not ready to begin cessation services, the patient would be included in the numerator as having met the standard. The health center provided follow-up and would document the counseling provided. Intervention must be on or after screening date (see eCQM for details of what meets criteria).
 - If intervention is done by other provider ex. BH provider after screening date, patient counts toward numerator.
- Q: Does vaping or e-cigarettes include patient in denominator?
A: Depends on the code used
- Tobacco screening measure lookback is 24 months which begins 1/1/2017