

## Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS Antagonists)

Performance Measure Set:  CCO Incentive Metric  Medicare Star Measure Quality

Measurement Type:  Structure  Process  Outcome  Patient Experience

Data Type:  Claims  Chart Documentation  eCQM  Survey  Other

HEDIS Benchmarks National Percentile: 86% (75th), 88% (90th)

**Who:** Patients 18 years of age and older.

**Why:** One of the most important ways people with high blood pressure can manage their health is by taking medication as directed. It is important for the patient, doctor, and health plan to work together to help manage the patient's blood pressure.

**What:** Percent of members with at least two prescription fills on unique dates of service for blood pressure medication who fill their prescription often enough to cover 80% or more of the time they are supposed to be taking the medication.

**How:** This measure is calculated using the number of member-years of enrolled beneficiaries with a proportion of days covered (PDC) at 80% or higher for RAS antagonist medications during the measurement period.

The measure is weighted based on the total number of member-years for each Medicare Part D member. For instance, if a member is enrolled for a three-month episode, does not have coverage for a six-month episode, then reenrolled for a three-month episode, they will count as "0.5 member years" in the rate calculation ( $3/12 + 3/12 = 6/12$ ).

**Exclusions:** Patients in hospice, with a diagnosis of ESRD or coverage dates, or received one or more prescriptions for sacubitril/valsartan anytime during the measurement year.

### Blood Pressure Medications:

Renin angiotensin system (RAS) antagonists: angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI), angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), or direct renin inhibitor medications.