Domain: Person and Caregiver-Centered Experience and Outcomes

2017 OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES:
CLAIMS ONLY

MEASURE TYPE:
Process

DESCRIPTION:
Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 21 years and older with a diagnosis of osteoarthritis (OA) with assessment for function and pain

INSTRUCTIONS:
This measure is to be reported at each denominator eligible visit occurring during the reporting period for patients with osteoarthritis seen during the reporting period. This measure may be reported by eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

Measure Reporting:
The listed denominator criteria is used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator quality-data codes included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions allowed by the measure. All measure-specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

DENOMINATOR:
All patient visits for patients aged 21 years and older with a diagnosis of OA

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):
Patients aged ≥ 21 years on date of encounter
AND

Patient encounter during the reporting period (CPT): 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215

NUMERATOR:
Patient visits with assessment for level of function and pain documented (may include the use of a standardized scale or the completion of an assessment questionnaire, such as an SF-36, AAOS Hip & Knee Questionnaire)

NUMERATOR NOTE: For the purposes of this measure, the method for assessing function and pain is left up to the discretion of the individual eligible clinician and based on the needs of the patient. The assessment may be done via a validated instrument (though one is not required) that measures pain and various functional elements including a patient’s ability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs).
Numerator Quality-Data Coding Options for Reporting Satisfactorily:
Osteoarthritis Symptoms and Functional Status Assessed

**Performance Met: CPT II 1006F:** Osteoarthritis symptoms and functional status assessed (may include the use of a standardized scale or the completion of an assessment questionnaire, such as the SF-36, AAOS Hip & Knee Questionnaire)

OR

Osteoarthritis Symptoms and Functional Status not Assessed, Reason not Otherwise Specified

Append a reporting modifier (8P) to CPT Category II code 1006F to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

**Performance Not Met: 1006F with 8P:** Osteoarthritis symptoms and functional status not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

**RATIONALE:**
Osteoarthritis can be a debilitating condition. An assessment of patient symptoms and functional status is important as it serves as the basis for making treatment modifications, which in turn, assists in improving the patient’s quality of life.

**CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:**
Any persistent pain that has an impact on physical function, psychosocial function, or other aspects of quality of life should be recognized as a significant problem. (AGS; IIA Recommendation)

Control of pain and maintenance of activity correlate well with satisfactory quality of life. If the patient is not satisfied with the outcome due to continued pain and limitation of activity, more aggressive intervention may be warranted. (AAOS, 2003)

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