

## Falls — Risk Assessment (Measure 154) and Plan of Care (Measure 155)

*Measure 154 (falls — risk assessment) is to be reported for all patients aged 65 years and older seen by the clinician — a minimum of **once** per reporting period. If patient is identified as at risk for future falls, then paired measure 155 (falls — plan of care) should also be reported.*

### Measure description

#### Measure 154 (falls — risk assessment)

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older with a history of falls who had a risk assessment for falls completed within 12 months

#### Measure 155 (falls — plan of care)

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older with a history of falls who had a plan of care for falls documented within 12 months

### What will you need to report for each patient aged 65 years and older for these paired measures?

If you select measures 154 and 155 for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not the patient is at risk for future falls<sup>1</sup> (ie, there is documentation of two or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year)

If the patient is at risk for future falls, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you completed a risk assessment for falls<sup>2</sup>  
AND
- Whether or not you documented a plan of care for falls<sup>3</sup>

If a patient is not at risk for future falls, you do not need to report measure 155 for this patient.

### What if these processes or outcomes of care are not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to complete a risk assessment for falls or document a plan of care for falls, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).

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<sup>2</sup>A risk assessment for falls is comprised of balance/gait AND one or more of the following: postural blood pressure, vision, home fall hazards, and documentation on whether medications are a contributing factor or not to falls within the past 12 months. *Note: All components do not need to be completed during one patient visit, but should be documented in the medical record as having been performed within the past 12 months.*

<sup>3</sup>Plan of care must include: 1) consideration of appropriate assistance device [medical record must include documentation that an assistive device was provided or considered OR referral for evaluation for an appropriate assistance device] AND 2) balance, strength, and gait training [medical record must include documentation that balance, strength, and gait training/instructions were provided OR referral to an exercise program, which includes at least one of the three components: balance, strength or gait]. *Note: All components do not need to be completed during one patient visit, but should be documented in the medical record as having been performed within the past 12 months.*

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**PQRI Data Collection Sheet**

Patient's Name	Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
National Provider Identifier (NPI)		Date of Service	

<b>Clinical Information</b>			<b>Billing Information</b>
<b>Step 1 Is patient eligible for this measure?</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Code Required on Claim Form</b>
Patient is aged 65 years and older on date of encounter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify date of birth on claim form.
There is a CPT Service Code for this visit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable codes. Codes determining a patient's eligibility must be reported on the same claim as the quality code(s) identified below.
If <b>No</b> is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.			
<b>Step 2 Does patient also have the other requirements for this measure?</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)</b>
Is patient at risk for future falls <sup>1</sup> (ie, there is documentation of two or more falls in the past year OR any fall with injury in the past year)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If <b>No</b> (ie, there is documentation of no falls in the past year OR only one fall without injury in the past year), report only 1101F and STOP. You do not need to report measure 155 for this patient.  If <b>Yes</b> , report 1100F and proceed to Steps 3 and 4.  If there is no documentation of falls status, report 1101F-8P and STOP.
<b>Step 3 Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure [measure 154 (falls — risk assessment)]?</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form, if Yes (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)</b>
Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3288F and proceed to Step 4
Not completed for the following reason: • Medical (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3288F-1P and proceed to Step 4
Document reason here and in medical chart. _____ _____			If <b>No</b> is checked for <b>all</b> of the above, report 3288F-8P and proceed to Step 4 (Falls risk assessment not completed, reason not otherwise specified.)

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Clinical Information			Billing Information
<b>Step 4 Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure [measure 155 (falls — plan of care)]?</b>			
<b>Plan of Care for Falls<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form, if Yes (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)</b>
Documented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0518F
Not documented for the following reason: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0518F-1P
Document reason here and in medical chart. <hr/> <hr/>			If <b>No</b> is checked for <b>all</b> of the above, report 0518F-8P (Plan of care not documented, reason not otherwise specified.)

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### Coding Specifications

Codes required to document a visit occurred:

A CPT service code is required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

All measure-specific coding should be reported ON THE SAME CLAIM.

#### CPT E/M service codes

- 97001, 97002 (physical therapy evaluation),
- 97003, 97004 (occupational therapy evaluation),
- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office — new patient),
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office — established patient),
- 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245 (outpatient consult),
- 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310 (nursing facility),
- 99324, 99325, 99326, 99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337 (domiciliary),
- 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350 (home visit)

Quality codes for this measure:

#### CPT II Code descriptors

(Data collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate code or combination of codes.)

- **CPT II 1100F:** Patient screened for future fall risk; documentation of two or more falls in the past year or any fall with injury in the past year
- **CPT II 1101F:** Patient screened for future fall risk; documentation of no falls in the past year or only one fall without injury in the past year
- **CPT II 1101F-8P:** No documentation of falls status
- **CPT II 3288F:** Falls risk assessment documented
- **CPT II 3288F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for not completing a risk assessment for falls
- **CPT II 3288F-8P:** Falls risk assessment not completed, reason not otherwise specified
- **CPT II 0518F:** Falls plan of care documented
- **CPT II 0518F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for no plan of care for falls
- **CPT II 0518F-8P:** Plan of care not documented, reason not otherwise specified

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