Preventive Care and Screening  

Unhealthy Alcohol Use — Screening

This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 18 years and older seen by the clinician — a minimum of once per reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older who were screened for unhealthy alcohol use\(^1\) using a systematic screening method within 24 months

What will you need to report for each patient aged 18 years and older for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not you screened for unhealthy alcohol use using a systematic screening method within 24 months

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to screen for unhealthy alcohol use, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, limited life expectancy, other medical reasons)

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 exceptions).

\(^1\)Unhealthy alcohol use covers a spectrum that is associated with varying degrees of risk to health. Categories representing unhealthy alcohol use include risky use, problem drinking, harmful use, and alcohol abuse, and the less common but more severe alcoholism and alcohol dependence. Risky use is defined as > 7 standard drinks per week or > 3 drinks per occasion for women and persons > 65 years of age; > 14 standard drinks per week or > 4 drinks per occasion for men ≤ 65 years of age.

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Unhealthy Alcohol Use — Screening

Coding Specifications
Codes required to document a visit occurred:

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

All measure specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

CPT or HCPCS codes
- 90791, 90792
- 90832, 90834, 90837, 90839
- 90845
- 96150, 96152
- 97003, 97004
- 97802, 97803, 97804
- 98960, 98961, 98962
- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215
- G0270, G0271
- G0438, G0439

Quality codes for this measure:

CPT II code descriptors
(Data collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate code.)

- **CPT II 3016F**: Patient screened for unhealthy alcohol use using a systematic screening method
- **CPT II 3016F–1P**: Documentation of medical reason(s) for not screening for unhealthy alcohol use (e.g., limited life expectancy, other medical reasons)
- **CPT II 3016F–8P**: Unhealthy alcohol use screening not performed, reason not otherwise specified
## Unhealthy Alcohol Use — Screening

### Physician Quality Reporting System Data Collection Sheet

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Patient’s Name</th>
<th>Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)</th>
<th>Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)</th>
<th>Gender</th>
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<th>National Provider Identifier (NPI)</th>
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### Clinical Information

#### Step 1  Is patient eligible for this measure?

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<th>Patient is aged 18 years and older on date of encounter.</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<td>There is a CPT or HCPCS code for this visit.</td>
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If **No** is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.

#### Step 2  Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure?

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<th>Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening(^1) (using a systematic screening method)</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<td>Performed</td>
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<th>Not performed for the following reason:</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>• Medical (e.g., limited life expectancy, other medical reasons)</td>
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Document reason here and in medical chart.

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If **No** is checked for **all** of the above, report 3016F–8P (Unhealthy alcohol use screening not performed, reason not otherwise specified)

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