

Opioids Wave IV: Quality Measures and Benchmarking

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Data-driven Opioid care

Quality
measurement

Benchmarking

Quality
Improvement

Opioid Initiative Wave IV – Why do Clinicians Join?

- Demonstrate the value of the ED in combatting the Opioid epidemic
- CMS Quality Payment Program – MIPS Improvement Activities
 - ▶ One Stop Shopping
 - ▶ 11 potential CMS approved improved activities
- National Visibility
- Not research – Real Solutions to engage for front-line providers

Benchmarking Activities

Activity Tracker

Use the E-QUAL portal to track and complete activities for the Wave IV Opioid Initiative. Activities are aligned with E-QUAL webinars and educational offerings but can be completed at any time during the learning period.

Pre-Wave Assessment Quality Readiness Assessment ✓ [▶](#)

Activity 1 Kick-Off [▶](#)

Sign the E-QUAL Participation Agreement and upload your list of local clinicians and leaders.

Activity 2 Capabilities Assessment [▶](#)

Take inventory of your current quality improvement structures for opioid use disorder (OUD) care including harm reduction and treatment initiation. All submissions by **Monday, March 15, 2021** will receive a feedback report in 30 days.

Activity 3 Get Waivered [▶](#)

Start your Get Waivered Campaign and join the national movement of ED leaders who are sparking efforts to get clinicians in their department waivered using a platform that blends lessons from practice implementation and behavioral economics.

Activity 4 Benchmark I ✓ [▶](#)

Activity 5 Download and Review Benchmark I Data [▶](#)

Download your personalized, confidential benchmark report and review results with both ED and hospital leaders as well as front-line clinicians to develop common goals.

Activity 6 Implement Best Practices [▶](#)

Identify best practices for implementation and submit evidence of select interventions to earn CMS MIPS Improvement Activity Credit.

Activity 7 Who Got Waivered? [▶](#)

Verify who completed their DEA-X waiver process.

Activity 8 Benchmark II [▶](#)

Quality improvement requires the use of iterative Plan-Do-Study-Act Cycles. Submit recent data (**July 2021 through October 2021**) to benchmark your current performance. Data must be submitted by **Friday, November 12, 2021** in order to receive a benchmark report within one month.

Activity 9 Download and Review Benchmark II Data [▶](#)

Download your personalized, confidential benchmark report and review results with both ED and hospital leaders as well as front-line clinicians to develop common goals.

Post-Wave Assessment Quality Readiness Assessment [▶](#)

Transforming clinical practice in the ED requires sustained focus and reassessment. Submit your Post-Wave Quality Readiness Assessment to benchmark quality improvement activities, and identify future opportunities for practice improvement.

Benchmark Process - Overview

- Step 1: Select a data submission method
 - ▶ Quick Chart Review
 - ▶ Clinical Emergency Data Registry (CEDR)
- Step 2: Identify 30 cases for manual review
 - ▶ ID based on ED diagnostic coding
 - ▶ Query EHR or billing data, OR
 - ▶ Get assistance from your revenue cycle management company
- Step 3: Manually abstract numerator elements from each patient chart
- Step 4: Input elements into rows on the E-QUAL portal.

Data Entry Selection

Select a chart review activity you would like to complete.

- Quick Chart Review** - Abstract key data elements on 30 patients identified with opioid use disorder or opioid overdose between November 2020 -February 2021.
- Clinical Emergency Data Registry (CEDR)** - If you are enrolled in CEDR and have completed data mapping for two CEDR OUD Metrics (safe opioid and naloxone prescribing), then you can simply opt to have CEDR data pushed to E-QUAL

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Quick Chart Review Tool

Please click on 'Save' after making any (or all the) edits to the chart. When finished, click 'Complete'.

Record Number	Exclusion Reasons	Patient Age	Patient Sex	ED visit for opioid overdose	Substance Use Evaluation in the ED	Take Home Naloxone offered in the ED?	Treatment administered in the ED?	Treatment prescribed at discharge?	Overdose prevention or harm reduction practice discussion documented	Referral to substance use disorder treatment offered	Delete Row
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+ Add New Row

Total Records: 0

Save

Complete This Activity

Benchmarking Metrics

- Substance Use Evaluation Rate

No. of patients receiving substance use evaluation

ED visits with unintentional opioid overdose or OUD

- Naloxone Prescription/Dispensation Rate

No. of discharges with naloxone prescriptions/dispensation

ED visits with unintentional opioid overdose or OUD

- Overdose Prevention or Harm Reduction Discussed

No. of patients with whom overdose prevention/harm reduction strategies
documented

ED visits with unintentional opioid overdose or OUD

Benchmarking Metrics

- OUD Treatment Administration Rate

No. of patients administered medication for OUD in the ED

ED visits with unintentional opioid overdose or OUD

- OUD Treatment Prescription Rate

No. of patients prescribed medication for OUD at ED discharge

ED visits with unintentional opioid overdose or OUD

- Referral to treatment Rate

No. of patients with documented referral to SUD treatment

ED visits with unintentional opioid overdose or OUD

Data Submission Details

Data Element	Definition
Exclusion Reasons	A drop-down list of exclusions is available for selection if a case does not meet criteria for performance assessment. No additional data abstraction is required on excluded patients.
Patient Age	Enter the patient's age in years
Patient Sex	Enter the patient's sex
Opioid Overdose	Select from a drop-down list to indicate whether an opioid overdose substance occurred in the ED
Substance Use Evaluation in the ED	Select from a drop-down list to indicate whether any formal substance use evaluation occurred in the ED, and if so, by what type of provider
Take home Naloxone offered in the ED?	Select from a drop-down list to indicate whether naloxone prescription (any route of administration) was given to the patient at discharge
Treatment administered in the ED?	Select from a drop-down list to indicate whether an opioid overdose treatment was administered in the ED.
Treatment prescribed at discharge?	Select from a drop-down list to indicate which, if any, treatment was prescribed at discharge based on ED documentation, order review or medication records

Data Submission Details - Continued

Data Element	Definition
Overdose prevention or harm reduction practice discussion Documented (Yes/No)	Indicate whether discharge instructions or clinical documentation indicate any overdose prevention counseling or plan with the patient
Referral to substance use disorder treatment offered (Yes/No)	Indicate whether discharge instructions, clinical documentation, or encounter data indicate a referral to substance use treatment

Deadlines

- Benchmark 1 – May 28, 2021

- Benchmark 2 – November 12, 2021

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