HEDIS 2019
Medications List Directory
User Manual

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What Is the HEDIS 2019 Medications List Directory?

Measure specifications in the HEDIS Volume 2 publication reference "medication lists": a complete list of medications used to identify an ambulatory dispensed prescription.

The Medication List Directory (MLD) includes all NDC codes for each medication list. Any NDC code included in a medication list is eligible for use in reporting. NDC codes not included in the MLD can be mapped for use in HEDIS reporting if the generic name, strength/dose and route match those of an NDC code in the HEDIS MLD. Refer to *General Guideline: Mapping Proprietary or Other Codes* in the HEDIS publications for information.

Included in the 2019 Medications List Directory

The *2019 MLD* (Excel workbook) contains the following spreadsheets:

- Measure ID to Medications List.
- Medications List to NDC Codes*.*
- Summary of Changes.

Measure ID to Medications List

The *Measure ID to Medications List* spreadsheet contains medication lists by measure and includes the elements in the table below.

Element Name	Element Description
Measure ID	The 3-letter measure identifier for the measure.
Measure Name	The measure name.
Medication List Name	The medication list name.

Use the *Measure ID to Medications List* spreadsheet to identify all medication lists used for a particular measure or to identify all measures that use a specific medication list. For example, setting the Measure ID filter to "SPD" demonstrates the medication lists included in the measure.

Measure ID	Measure Name	Medication List Name
SPD	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	Dementia Medications
SPD	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	Diabetes Medications
SPD	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	Estrogen Agonists Medications
SPD	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	High and Moderate-Intensity Statin Medications
SPD	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	Low-Intensity Statin Medications

Setting the Medication List Name filter to "Diabetes Medications" demonstrates four measures use that medication list.

Measure ID	Measure Name	Medication List Name
CDC	Comprehensive Diabetes Care	Diabetes Medications
SMD	Diabetes Monitoring for People With Diabetes and Schizophrenia	Diabetes Medications
SPD	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	Diabetes Medications
SSD	Diabetes Screening for People With Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Who Are Using Antipsychotic Medications	Diabetes Medications

Medications List to NDC Codes

The *Medications List to NDC Codes* spreadsheet lists the NDC codes included in each medication list and includes the elements in the table below.

Medications List to NDC Codes

Element Name	Element Description
Medication List	The medication list name.
NDC Code	The NDC code.
Brand Name	The medication brand name.
Generic Product Name	The medication generic product name.
Route	The medication delivery route.
Description	The drug class description (when present in the medication tables in the measure specification) or the medication list (when the medication table in the measure specification does not include a description).
Drug ID	The Drug ID is used to identify "same" and "different" medications. A drug ID is provided for all medications although only select measures require the drug ID for programming (refer to the measure specifications).
Drug Name	For use if required to perform calculations for select measures. .
Package Size	For use if required to perform calculations for select measures
Unit	For use if required to perform calculations for select measures
Dose	For use if required to perform calculations for select measures
Form	For use if required to perform calculations for select measures.
MED Conversion Factor	For use with the (UOD Opioid Medications List) to perform calculations for the Use of Opioids at High Dosage (UOD) measure.

If a data element is not required in a particular list a value of "N/A" is populated in the field.

Summary of Changes

The *Summary of Changes* spreadsheet does not list NDC code changes. This spreadsheet replaced the *NDC List Technical Update* memo and will provide changes to the medications in the medication lists (medications added to or deleted from a medication list) and includes the elements in the table below.

Summary of Changes

Element Name	Element Description
Medication List	The name of the medication list affected by the change.
Change	The change (Added; Deleted)
Generic Name	The generic medication name.
Description	The drug class (if specified)
Date	Date the change was made: • July 1: changes made effective with the July 1 release. • October 1: changes made effective with the October Technical Update release. • November 1: changes made effective with the MLD release.

Technical Support

Submit questions about the MLD to the Policy Clarification Support (PCS) system on the NCQA Web site at http://my.ncqa.org.