



# Cigna HS Custom Measure - Statin Initiation in Patients with Diabetes

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Statin Initiation in Patients with Diabetes

## Description

- A custom activity-based rating from Cigna Healthspring which will be incentivized to the eligible pharmacy
- This custom measure designed by Cigna Healthspring identifies and measures the percentage of the Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD) measure qualifying population that has never filled a statin medication
- This measure rates the percentage of statin naive patients with a diagnosis of diabetes between 40 and 75 years of age who have newly received a statin medication
- Using pharmacy claims data, the eligible patient population must meet the following criteria:
  - Having 2 or more fills of a diabetes medication within the measurement period
  - Must not have record of a statin fill occurring up to one year prior to the first fill of diabetes medications in the measurement period.
  - An eligibility run-in period of 120 days determines newly eligible plan members are statin naive to be included in the qualifying measure population
- The pharmacy which fills the majority of the member’s diabetic medications will receive the qualifying member attribution.
- The first pharmacy to fill a statin for the qualified member will receive credit for the gap closure (or numerator status)



## Calculation

### NUMERATOR =

Patients from the denominator who have received a fill of at least one statin medication after the second fill of an eligible diabetes medication

### DENOMINATOR =

Statin naive patients who have had two or more fills of a diabetes medication

## Example

With this measure, if the population performance score for the SUPD measure was 70%, this statin initiation measure is evaluating which patients from the remaining 30% newly receive a statin medication.

## Exclusions

- Patients with a diagnosis of End Stage Renal Disease



## Did You Know?\*

- Patients with diabetes who take statin medications lower their risk of developing heart disease
- Risks for heart disease include:
  - High cholesterol
  - High blood pressure
  - Being overweight or obese
  - Smoking
  - High level of sodium in a person’s diet
  - Low level of physical activity

\*Healthline Newsletter - <https://www.healthline.com/health/statins-for-diabetics-which-is-best>

Pharmacy Times - <https://www.pharmacytimes.com/contributor/david-kim/2017/12/statin-therapy-in-patients-with-diabetes>



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