

HEDIS UPDATE

New for 2019 are exclusions for certain quality measures for members with an advanced illness or frailty. The parameters are quite specific; for more information check with your Provider Specialist, or see the NCQA blog *“Improving Care for Those With Advanced Illness/Frailty”*, posted July 2, 2018 by Cindy Pena.

For HEDIS 2019, the following nine measures exclude individuals 65 and older who have an advanced illness and frailty or who live long-term in nursing home settings. Four of these measures also exclude those age 80 and older with frailty.

- Breast Cancer Screening.
- Colorectal Cancer Screening.
- Comprehensive Diabetes Care.
- Controlling High Blood Pressure.
- Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture.
- Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment after a Heart Attack.
- Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease.
- Statin Therapy for Patients with Diabetes.

For more information go online at <https://www.ncqa.org/news/ncqa-updates-quality-measures-for-hedis-2019/> .

Make sure to see the 2nd page of this newsletter regarding the changes coming for 2019 Medicare Advantage (MA) CMS-HCC Risk Adjustment Models.
PrimeCare’s CDI Specialist Ayme Barreras can answer any questions you may have.

PrimeCare is Now Accepting
**HUMANA and
Florida Blue!**

Contact Matt Romeo, 352-796-9994
for all the details.

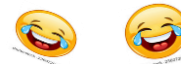


We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

We still have a few days left to get those final claims submitted to raise your HEDIS scores. If you have any questions, call your Provider Specialist today.

Remember to reserve some appointment times in January to bring in your new members.

Laugh of the day



I just found out I’m colorblind- I was so surprised! The diagnosis came right out of the purple!

(Ok, maybe that was a groaner-- try this one.)

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, “It’s going to rain.”
His wife asked, “How do you know?”
“Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear.”