



IMPROVING HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) collects quality data from our providers to measure and improve the quality of care our members receive. Osteoporosis Management in Women Who Had a Fracture (OMW) is one aspect of care we measure in our quality programs. Quality measures evaluate a prior calendar year performance.

What We Measure

This measure captures the percentage of female members ages 65 to 85 during the measurement year who meet both criteria:

- Fracture diagnosis between July 1 of the prior year through June 30 of the current year
- Bone mineral density (BMD) testing or dispensed prescription therapy to treat osteoporosis within 180 days after the fracture

The Index Episode Start Date (IESD) is the earliest date of service for any encounter during the intake period with diagnosis of fracture.

OMW is a Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) measure. See the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\) website](#) for more details.



Why It Matters

Osteoporosis is characterized by low bone mass, which leads to bone fragility and increased susceptibility to fractures of the hip, spine and wrist. Osteoporotic fractures, particularly hip fractures, are associated with chronic pain and disability, loss of independence, decreased quality of life and increased mortality. Appropriate screening and treatment can reduce the risk of osteoporosis-related fractures. Learn more from [NCQA](#).

Eligible Population

Women ages 65 to 85 during the measurement year are included in this measure.

Exclusions: Members who meet any of the following are excluded from this measure:

- Had BMD testing within 24 months prior to the IESD
- Received osteoporosis therapy or were dispensed prescription medication within 12 months prior to the IESD
- Had an osteoporosis claim/encounter for osteoporosis therapy during 12 months prior to IESD
- Received hospice or palliative care during the measurement year
- Were dispensed dementia medication

Note: Fractures of the finger, toe, face and skull are not included in this measure.

Tips to Consider

- Urge members to alert you if they have a fracture to allow for timely intervention.
- Educate members about BMD testing, a non-invasive procedure.
- Be aware that BMD testing in the inpatient setting satisfies this measure. Obtain hospital discharge summaries for your records and for ongoing treatment planning and medication reconciliation.
- Let members know that pharmacists can also be a resource for questions about medications.

How to Document

OMW data is collected through claims data.

For more information, see [NCQA's HEDIS Measures and Technical Resources](#).



Questions?

Contact your BCBSIL Provider Network Consultant.

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