



Measure Description

The percentage of patients with a prescription for a blood pressure medication who fill their prescription often enough to cover at least 80% of the time prescribed.

Calculation

[Numerator] = Measure Compliance

The number of patients 18 years and older who have a proportion of days covered (PDC) of 80% or greater for their RAS antagonist medication during the measurement period.

[Denominator] = Measure Population

The number of patients 18 years and older with at least two fills of their RAS antagonist medication on unique dates of service during the measurement period.

Blood Pressure Medications

- **ACEI** (Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor)
- **ARB** (Angiotensin Receptor Blocker)
- **DRI** (Direct Renin Inhibitor)

Exclusions

- ❖ Beneficiaries who meet the following criteria during the measurement period:
 - In hospice
 - ESRD diagnosis or dialysis coverage dates
 - One or more prescriptions for sacubitril/valsartan

Strategies for Rate Improvement

- ❖ Identify and address any barriers to non-adherence at every visit.
- ❖ Provide clear instructions and emphasize the benefits of adherence as well as the risks of non-adherence.
- ❖ Advise patients to contact their provider if experiencing any adverse effects.
- ❖ Once patients are on a stable regimen, prescribe 100-day supplies through their preferred pharmacy or mail-order pharmacy.
- ❖ Offer accessible solutions to adherence such as the use of pill boxes, bubble packs, text reminders, and auto-refills.
- ❖ Encourage patients to fill prescriptions using their L.A. Care pharmacy benefit. Gap closure is dependent on pharmacy claims.

What is PDC?

- ❖ The percent of days a patient has medication on hand based on their prescription refill history.

1. Medicare 2025 Part c & D Star Ratings Technical Notes.
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2025-star-ratings-technical-notes.pdf>

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