

Heart Failure Admission Rate - PQI 08

Description of Measure

Hospitalizations with a principal diagnosis of heart failure per 100,000 beneficiary months for beneficiaries age 18 and older.

Note: A lower rate indicates better performance.

Numerator Compliance

All inpatient hospital discharges for beneficiaries age 18 and older with ICD-10-CM principal diagnosis code for heart failure.

Exclusions

Exclusions	Time limit
- Transfer from a hospital (different facility), a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), hospice facility, or another health care facility - Discharges with an ungrouppable DRG (DRG = 999) - Discharges with missing age (AGE = missing), year (YEAR = missing), or principal diagnosis (DX1 = missing) - Cases with any listed ICD-10-PCS procedure codes for cardiac procedure.	Any time during measurement year (MY)

Strategies for Success

- Assess for appropriate heart failure chronic condition management. Prescribe or adjust heart failure medications as appropriate. Schedule frequent follow-up visits, and provide a plan for the patient to contact/visit the provider when symptoms worsen.
- Arkansas Blue Cross case management is available to patients for assistance and education between visits by calling **800-225-1891**.
- If getting to the doctor's office is difficult, telehealth is an easy way to follow-up with a provider at home in between PCP visits. For ARHOME members, view virtual care options like Teladoc on Blueprint Portal (blueprintportal.com/login) or go to myvirtualhealth.com to create an account and schedule a virtual visit.

Resources

- Core Set of Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid (Adult Core Set)** -Technical Specifications and Resource Manual for 2026 Core Set Reporting



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