

Empire BlueCross

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Medication reconciliation is a review in which the discharge medications are reconciled with the most recent medication list in the outpatient record. A note needs to be placed in the outpatient medical record indicating this has occurred. Conducting medication reconciliation helps patients understand any medication changes that occurred as a result of the hospitalization and helps prevent adverse drug events and other medication-related issues that may arise after discharge. As a result, patient safety is improved and readmissions may be decreased. Medication reconciliation must be completed by the prescribing practitioner, registered nurse or clinical pharmacist.

MRP Eligibility Criteria

Medication Reconciliation Post- Discharge (MRP) assesses members 18 years of age and older who were discharged from an acute or non-acute inpatient facility between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year. It looks at members for whom medications were reconciled from the date of discharge through 30 days after discharge (31 days total). The denominator is based on discharges, not members. If multiple discharges for a member occur in the year, medication reconciliation should be conducted within 30 days of each discharge.

Documentation

Documentation must be in the outpatient medical record and include evidence of medication reconciliation and the date when it was performed by the prescribing practitioner, registered nurse or clinical pharmacist. An outpatient visit is not required. The note must be dated and signed by the provider.

Examples:

- Evidence that the member was seen for post-discharge hospital follow-up with evidence of medication reconciliation or review. Must have proof of both to be compliant.
- Documentation in the discharge summary that the discharge medications were reconciled with the current medications. There must be evidence that the discharge summary was filed in the outpatient chart on the date of discharge through 30 days after discharge (31 days).
- Documentation that the provider reconciled the current and discharge medications.

- Documentation of the current medications with a notation that references the discharge medications (i.e., No changes in medications since discharge, same medications at discharge, discontinue all discharge medications).
- Documentation of the member's current medications with a notation that the discharge medications were reviewed.
- Documentation of a current medication list, a discharge medication list and notation that both lists were reviewed on the same date of service.
- Notation that no medications were prescribed or ordered upon discharge.

Billing Codes

Billing codes exist to demonstrate successful completion of medication reconciliation post-discharge. Using the codes should follow the appropriate Medicare billing guidelines and may be an option if the requirements for these codes have been met. Final determination is based on submission of the claim.

- **Medication Reconciliation Code:**
 - **CPT Category II code 1111F** – Discharge medications reconciled with the current medication list in outpatient medical record
 - The medication reconciliation needs to be completed within the first 30 days of discharge to meet the measurement criteria
 - Outpatient visit is not required
- **Transitional Care Management (TCM) Services Codes:**
 - **CPT code 99495** – Transitional Care Management Services, Moderate Complexity
 - Medication reconciliation and management must be furnished no later than the date you set the face-to-face visit within 14 days of discharge
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