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SummaCare Memo: Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes

Thank you for collaborating with us to provide quality care to our members. This message is to inform you of some recent updates to a quality assurance/CMS Star measure: Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD).

Statins are recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA) as a primary prevention to reduce the risk of cardiovascular events in diabetic patients and for an overall improved quality of life. Just a reminder, patients with diabetes aged 40-75 who have had at least *two* fills of a diabetes medication in the measurement period qualify for statin use.

Effective 2021, Medicare modified reporting criteria and identified additional diagnose codes that exclude certain diabetic patients from this measure. Please note that if patients have any of the conditions listed, it is imperative to capture these diagnoses and ICD-10 codes during annual visits. This will help us to better monitor patients, improve our quality and CMS Star performance.

Following are the excluded conditions:

- Prediabetes
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)
- Rhabdomyolysis
- Lactation
- Liver Disease

Please [click here](#) to view the SUPD Expanded List for a more comprehensive list of excluded conditions and ICD-10 codes.

To summarize, please continue to identify diabetic patients who qualify for statin therapy, work with the patient to establish them on an appropriate statin and dosage, and be sure to indicate patients with excluded conditions by coding the ICD-10 codes. We sincerely thank you for your attention and continued cooperation.

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Support Services or your Provider Engagement Specialist at **330.996.8400** or **800.996.8401** or via email at contactproviderservices@summacare.com.

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