



CMS Update to MIPS CQM #497: Preventive Care and Wellness (Composite)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has received several inquiries regarding the submission criteria #6 for [Quality Measure #497: Preventive Care and Wellness \(Composite\) \(PDF, 663KB\)](#) (available only as a Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) clinical quality measure (CQM)).

This composite measure contains 7 component measures that were previously specified as individual quality measures. After assessing the issue, **CMS determined that there are incorrect instructions within the measure specification regarding submission criteria #6 (quality measure #226¹ component) that require the reporting of all 3 performance rates.** Rather than submitting all 3 performance rates for submission criteria #6 (quality measure #226¹ component), only the 2nd performance rate (identified as Submission Criteria #6b within the measure specification) will be required when reporting this component measure within the composite measure for the 2024 performance period. There aren't any issues regarding the other 6 component measures for this composite measure.

Reporting the Measure

All 7 component measures and applicable submission criteria are required for reporting this composite measure. To report submission criteria #6 (quality measure #226¹ component), you'll **only** submit the 2nd performance rate (Submission criteria #6b) as documented in the QPP measures repository on GitHub shown below:

- **Submission Criteria #6b “tobacco”:** Percentage of patients screened for tobacco use and, if identified as a tobacco user, received cessation intervention during the encounter or within the previous six months.

¹ [Quality ID #226 \(CBE 0028\): Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention](#)