

Medical Assistance with Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation – MSC

Intent: Provide medical assistance to members with smoking and tobacco use cessation.

Age: 18 years of age and older

Product Lines: Medicaid, Essential Plan

Timeframe: The measurement year

At a minimum for compliance, the following three components are assessed for the MSC measure:

- Advise smokers and tobacco users to quit
- Discuss or recommend cessation medications to smokers and tobacco users
- Discuss or provide cessation methods or strategies to smokers and tobacco users

How is this measure assessed?

This measure is collected through the CAHPS® health plan survey completed by your patients. The survey is administered by the NYSDOH and NCQA-certified CAHPS® vendors.

Tips and Recommendations

- Confirm if patient is a smoker or a tobacco user and reinforce the need for smoking and tobacco cessation during each visit.
- Provide health education materials to encourage smoking and tobacco cessation.