

Medication Reconciliation Following a Hospital Discharge

Researchers at the University of Colorado Health Science Center at Denver found that just over 14 percent of patients 65 years and older, who were discharged from the hospital, had at least one medication discrepancy 24 – 72 hours following discharge. Those patients with discrepancies were approximately 2.5 times more likely to be readmitted within 30 days of discharge.

Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge is a new Medicare measure addressing this problem. The measure assesses whether the primary care practitioner reconciles medications of members 65 years and older on or within 30 days after hospital discharge.

Compliance requires the following documentation in the PCP chart:

**A list of medications that were prescribed or ordered upon discharge
OR
A notation that no medications were prescribed or ordered upon discharge**

What do I do?

- Make sure you see your patients within 30 days of hospital discharge.
 - Document the discharge medications at this visit
- OR
- Place the hospital form containing the list of medications ordered upon discharge in the chart
 - Code for 1111F (Medication Reconciliation) on your encounter/claim

If you have any questions, call Celeste Smith, RN, 718-794-6062.