



Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit For People With High-Risk Multiple Chronic Conditions (FMC)

CMS Weight
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Why it Matters

Complex patients with multiple chronic conditions are especially vulnerable and are often negatively affected by frequent Emergency Dept. visits. Immediate follow-up after discharge can improve health outcomes and improve care coordination.

Definition

Percentage of patients 18 years or older with an emergency department (ED) visit who have multiple high-risk chronic conditions who had follow-up service within 7 days of ED visit

Patient Eligibility (2 or more of the conditions listed below)

- Chronic respiratory conditions
- Alzheimer’s disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Depression
- Heart failure
- Acute myocardial infarction
- Atrial fibrillation
- Stroke and transient ischemic attack

Timeframe of Compliance

- See patients within 7 days of ED visit
- If patient is unable to be seen in 7 days due to extenuating circumstances, they need to have an appointment within 30 days of discharge

Services for Compliance

- Outpatient, telephone, virtual check-in, home or telehealth visit
- Observation visits
- Transitional care management services
- Case management services

Gap Closure Methods

CPT II Codes	Structure Data	Documentation Submission
None	No	None

Tips and Best Practices for FMC

- Provide patients with alternative options to the Emergency Dept. including urgent care, telehealth or in-person office visits
- Remind patients to schedule follow-up office or telehealth visit within 7 days of ED visit



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Required Exclusions

Exclusion	Timeframe for Exclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients in Hospice or using Hospice services• Patients who died	Any time during the measurement year

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