

1. What is the SUPD measure?

Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD) is a Part D Star measure that focuses on ensuring at-risk diabetic members receive a cholesterol-lowering statin medication for early prevention and/or treatment.

The measure evaluates members ages 40 to 75 who were dispensed at least two fills of any diabetic medication and also filled a statin prescription. To be considered compliant, a member who has had at least two prescription fills of any diabetic medication (including two fills of the same medication) in the measurement year must also fill a statin prescription during the measurement year.

This measure evaluates prescription data only since CMS considers a member a diabetic when they receive two prescription fills of any diabetic medication(s), regardless of any diagnosis code. The SUPD measure is based on treatment guidelines for diabetes from the American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, American Diabetic Association and U. S. Preventive Services Task Force.

2. Will my patient be considered compliant if he or she fills a prescription for any statin medication? Or do I have to prescribe specific statins?

Formulary statin medications that will close this gap are listed below.

Statin Medications		
atorvastatin (+/- amlodipine)	lovastatin	rosuvastatin
fluvastatin	pravastatin	simvastatin (+/- ezetimibe)

3. My patient is currently taking a non-statin cholesterol-lowering medication. Will this prescription enable my patient to be considered compliant for the SUPD measure?

No. This measure is explicitly looking for statin medications to be filled at least once during the measurement year. A cholesterol-lowering medication such as PCSK9 (Repatha) will not close the SUPD gap in care for the patient.

4. My patient has a contraindication that restricts him/her from being able to tolerate taking statin medications. Will I be penalized for not writing prescriptions for patients with contraindications?

We have created a [Statin Reference Guide](#) that documents the exclusions for the Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease (SPC) and SUPD measures. Refer to this document for a full listing of exclusions for these measures.

5. I have written a statin prescription for my patient, but he/she refused to fill it. How should I handle patient noncompliance issues?

Refer to the [Responding to Statin Myths Quick Reference Guide](#) to assist you with patients who refuse or appear resistant to taking a statin prescription. Ask open-ended questions to assess if a patient expresses resistance because of perceived side effects. You may want to consider writing a “trial” prescription or a prescription for a low-dose medication. Noncompliant patients can also be referred to Member Management for assistance. Members can contact a Blue Advantage® Case Manager directly by calling the Blue Advantage Dedicated Unit at 1-888-927-5873.