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Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)

Quick Reference Guide

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MEASURE SNAPSHOT

CMS Part D Star Measure: D12 – Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD)

CMS Definition: This measure evaluates the percentage of patients aged **40–75** with at least **two diabetes medication fills** on unique dates of service who also received at least **one statin medication fill** during the measurement period.[1]

FIELD	ENTRY
CMS measure name	Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes (SUPD), SUPD
Domain	Drug Safety and Accuracy of Drug Pricing
CMS weighting category	Process Measure
Weight	**1, standard-weighted**
Primary data source	Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data, Part D pharmacy claims
Unit of measurement	CMS contract-level measure; individual clinicians and practices do not receive a D12 Star Rating
Trend direction	**Higher is better**
Case-mix adjusted	No[1]
Measurement period	01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024[1]
Star measure credit	One Part D pharmacy claim for a statin during the measurement year. There are no intensity requirements, any statin fill counts,[1] in contrast to **C19** (Statin Therapy for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease), where only moderate- or high-intensity qualifies. A written prescription, an office sample, a VA fill, or a cash or discount-card fill **not submitted to the plan** earns no credit. The **PDE claim** is the entire numerator[1,2]
One fill, not days covered	SUPD asks whether statin therapy was started or continued at all, and a single qualifying fill satisfies it.[1] The proportion-of-days-covered work (PDC ≥ 80%) belongs to **D10** (Medication Adherence for Cholesterol) which the same patient enters once statin therapy is established[1]
Denominator trigger	**Pharmacy fills:** Two diabetes-medication fills on unique dates of service qualify a patient for the measure, regardless of whether a diabetes diagnosis appears anywhere in the chart.[1] The **index prescription start date (IPSD)**, the earliest diabetes-medication fill of the year, must occur at least **90 days** before the end of the measurement period. Continuous Part D enrollment is required, with one allowable gap of up to **one calendar month**[1]