

MIPS 485: Psoriasis – Improvement in Patient-Reported Itch Severity

Electronic health records (EHRs) collect and organize notes, medication lists, and patient information using various formats. With providers also documenting this information in unique ways, this can potentially cause confusion and an increased timeline for measure mapping with DataDerm. This tip sheet can help you manage reporting requirements for performance measures and streamline standard documentation practices to allow seamless data pull into DataDerm.

The DataDerm team will work with you to connect DataDerm with your EHR to extract data. To make the process as smooth as possible, it helps to document key elements of patient care. DataDerm cannot read scanned images of any kind, including scanned images for labs, letters to physicians, pathology reports, follow-up plans, and dates. If you have scanned images with information needed for your measures, please add a note in your chart with the date and required patient information for this data to be accurately collected.

This tip sheet can assist paper-based practices in standardizing documentation practices. Keeping notes in the patient's paper chart of all documentation requirements will assist you when reporting for this measure.

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For all patients 8 years and older, document the following in your notes:

- Current diagnosis of psoriasis: L40.0, L40.1, L40.2, L40.3, L40.4, L40.8, L40.9
- CPT code for patient encounter during reporting period: 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99424, 99426, 99441, 99442, 99443, GQ, GT, 95, POS 02, POS 10

An initial (index visit) NRS, VRS, or ItchyQuant assessment score greater than or equal to 4 who are returning for a follow-up visit.

Document in your notes patients who achieve an assessment score that is reduced by 3 or more points (minimal clinically important difference) from the initial assessment score.

- For patients with multiple follow up sessions the most recent follow up session should be used.

Use the following assessment score tool for patient-reported itch intensity in the past 24 hours:

- Visual Rating Scale (VRS)
- Numeric Rating Scale (NRS)

For more information, see: aad.org/measures



Use the following assessment score tool for patient-reported itch intensity in the past 7 days:

- ItchyQuant

To satisfy this measure, a patient must achieve any of the following score reductions:

Initial (Index Visit) Assessment Score	Minimal Clinically Important Difference
10	7 or lower
9	6 or lower
8	5 or lower
7	4 or lower
6	3 or lower
5	2 or lower
4	1 or lower

Additional Tips:

- The same tool must be used for the index assessment and the follow-up assessment.
- GQ, GT, 95, POS 02, and POS 10 telehealth modifiers AND audio codes 99441, 99442, and 99443 are eligible cases.

Updates:

- This measure was formerly AAD 9: Psoriasis – Improvement in Patient-Reported Itch Severity.