Advanced Pharmacy Technicians

Title	Advanced Pharmacy Technicians
Description	Percent of pharmacy technicians with advance training
Rationale	Pharmacy technicians are able to expand scope of practice through certifications and credentials. The elevated pharmacy technician provides higher quality care and allows the pharmacy staff to focus on non-dispensing clinical activities.
Logic Model	This measure evaluates the training and credentialing of a pharmacy technician. When pharmacy technicians are able to advance scope of practice, like product verification, pharmacists are able to advance their role towards medication optimization.
Level of Analysis	Pharmacy (Employee)
Data Source	Survey
Denominator Statement	Number of pharmacy technicians (full or part time) at the pharmacy during a measurement year
Denominator Calculation	1. Number of part-time pharmacy technicians 2. Number of full-time pharmacy technicians
Denominator Exclusions	Exclude any employee ≤17 years old, less than 6 months employment, or ≤1 year as a pharmacy technician
Denominator Exclusion Rationale	Minors may need parental permission, other technicians may not be eligible for technician exam
Numerator Statement	Number of pharmacy technicians with advance credentials and training
Numerator Calculation	• Count the number of individuals that have advanced training.

Seguridad Measure Specification Process	
Data Stratification	The measure rate will be reported as pharmacy. If available and feasible, measure rate will be reported by type of pharmacy (e.g., health-system, community, specialty, mail-order, long-term care). If available and feasible, measure rate will be reported by line of business (pharmacy Medicare rate, pharmacy Medicaid rate, pharmacy Commercial rate, and pharmacy uninsured rate). Risk adjustment will be applied when available.
Value Sets	No value set is required for the calculation of this measure.
Future Iterations	As additional training programs and certificates are authorized for pharmacy technicians, the numerator will be updated.
Harmonization[1]	Payors: N/A Providers: N/A

1. Measures that have either the same target populations (denominator) or the same measure focus (numerators) may be considered related, whereas measures that have the same targeted population (denominator) and same measure focus (numerator), are considered competing measures. Measures being developed should be harmonized, where feasible, to previously established measures to decrease measure burden. Choose My Pharmacy measures are developed for pharmacy evaluation, which is a novel area for measurement science, no current measure evaluates this level of analysis. Choose My Pharmacy measures will be harmonized to the extent possible, recognizing different levels of analysis have different data elements, and instead the focus will be to vertically integrate the Choose My Pharmacy measures with other measurement systems and measures.

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