**HEDIS** (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) is a standardized set of performance measurements developed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for measuring quality health care performance.

As a part of L. A. Care's initiative to improve quality of care for our members, this HEDIS® reference guide is designed to help achieve the best quality care, in alignment with the HEDIS® standards as well as with evidence-based clinical practice guidelines.

*Medication errors make up a significant portion of the adverse events patients may experience during the period immediately following hospital discharge. To improve continuity of care and to reduce unplanned re-admissions, it is important to reconcile discharge medications with the outpatient medications. Medication Reconciliation post-discharge can be conducted by PCP, Clinical Pharmacist, or Registered Nurse.

**WHAT CAN HOSPITALS DO?**

- At the time of discharge, ensure that medication reconciliation is performed by a physician, pharmacist or nurse.
- If not performed at discharge, coordinate with PCP, Pharmacist, or Home Health Agency for post discharge medication review and reconciliation.
- Ensure timely transmission of a summary of care document to the PCP, including a copy of complete medication list.
- Facilitate timely dictation and transmission of the full discharge summary to the PCP.
- Review medication list with the patient prior to discharge and scheduling of a follow-up visit with PCP, ideally within 7 days.
- Provide discharge instructions (oral and written) that are simple and easy to read to patients and caregiver(s) to ensure comprehension and avoid adverse events.
- To access or download a copy of this reference guide and other reference materials, please visit: [http://www.lacare.org/providers/provider-resources/hedis-resources](http://www.lacare.org/providers/provider-resources/hedis-resources).