



## Measure Description

Percentage of patients with a prescription for a cholesterol medication, such as a statin drug, who fill their prescription often enough to cover at least 80% of the time prescribed.

## Calculation

### [Numerator] = Measure Compliance

The number of patients 18 years and older who have a proportion of days covered (PDC) of 80% or greater for their statin during the measurement period.

### [Denominator] = Measure Population

The number of patients 18 years and older with at least two fills of their statin on unique dates of service during the measurement period.

## Statins: Generic and Brand Names

**Atorvastatin**  
(Lipitor, Caduet\*)

**Rosuvastatin**  
(Crestor, Ezallor, Roszet\*)

**Lovastatin**  
(Mevacor, Altoprev)

**Fluvastatin**  
(Lescol XL)

**Pravastatin**  
(Pravachol)

**Pitavastatin**  
(Livalo, Zypitamag)

**Simvastatin**  
(Zocor, Vytorin\*)

## Exclusions

- ❖ In hospice
- ❖ ESRD diagnosis or dialysis coverage dates

## Strategies for Rate Improvement

- ❖ Identify and address any barriers to non-adherence at every visit.
- ❖ Provide clear instructions and emphasize the benefits of adherence as well as the risks of non-adherence.
- ❖ Manage side effects by either changing the statin or reducing the dosage.
- ❖ Once patients are on a stable regimen, prescribe 100-day supplies through their preferred pharmacy or mail-order pharmacy.
- ❖ Offer accessible solutions to adherence such as the use of pill boxes, bubble packs, text reminders, and auto-refills.
- ❖ Encourage patients to fill prescriptions using their L.A. Care pharmacy benefit. Gap closure is dependent on pharmacy claims.

## Why Statins Matter

- ❖ The American Heart Association recommends using statins to reduce the risk for major atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) events, especially in high-risk populations like diabetes, heart failure, ASCVD, and acute coronary syndrome (ACS).

1. Medicare 2025 Part c & D Star Ratings Technical Notes.  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2025-star-ratings-technical-notes.pdf>

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