

# MVP FASTFAX

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## **Important Reminder regarding a CMS STAR measure MVP Health Care® will be collecting during chart reviews in 2017**

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) uses the Star Rating System to evaluate Medicare Advantage health plans as well as their network of physicians and other healthcare providers. These Star Ratings (one to five stars, with five stars indicating the highest quality) impact reimbursement that Health Plans receive from CMS to pay for member benefits and provider services.

One of the clinical quality indicators that CMS is including in the star rating program for Medicare Advantage plans is the **Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge (MRP) measure**. This measure shows the percentage of Medicare members (ages 18 and up) who had an acute or non-acute inpatient discharge and had a medication reconciliation review completed and documented within 30 days of discharge.

### **How is Medication Reconciliation defined?**

NCQA defines medication reconciliation as: a “type of review in which the discharge medications are reconciled with the most recent medication list in the outpatient medical record”.<sup>1</sup>

### **What documentation must be present in the chart?**

- Evidence of medication reconciliation (current versus discharge medications) and the date it was performed.
- Reconciliation must be conducted by a prescribing practitioner, clinical pharmacist or registered nurse on the date of discharge through 30 days after discharge.

### **Examples that meet criteria:**

- Documentation of the current medications with a notation that references the discharge medication(s) (e.g., no changes in medications since discharge, same medications at discharge, discontinue all discharge medications).
- Documentation of the member’s current medications with a notation that the discharge medications were reviewed.
- Documentation of a current medication list, a discharge medication list and notation that both lists were reviewed on the same date of service.
- Notation that no medications were prescribed or ordered upon discharge.

NOTE: Only documentation in the outpatient chart meets the intent of the measure, but an outpatient visit is not required (it can be done over the phone).

**If you have any questions with respect to this notice, please contact Mike Farina, Director Clinical Quality and Reporting, at 518-388-2463 or MFarina@mvphealthcare.com.**



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ncqa.org/>