

(New) Equity: Patient Demographics

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Measure Name: Demographic Data Reporting	Percent of patient demographics (sexual orientation, gender identity, disability condition, disability daily living) for inpatient and observation claims coded as “unknown” in the Washington State Discharge dataset; target set as 20% or less for each demographic.
Measure eligibility:	All hospitals that participate in MQI are eligible to complete this metric
Clinical Rationale:	<p>Documenting patient self-reported demographics is foundational for building datasets used in population health analysis. Stratifying clinical measures by socio-demographics allows for detection of healthcare disparities. Ensuring complete data, with few missing or “unknown” data enables data utility for health equity planning.</p> <p>This year, the new MQI Demographic Data Reporting measure will focus on collection of four new demographics: sexual orientation, gender identity (SOGI), disability condition and disability daily living. These demographic categories are stipulated by Washington law (WAC-246-455-025) but new to most inpatient settings. WA is a frontier state learning how to improve both the collection process and documentation of patient responses. Incentivizing rapid improvement of demographic data will positively impact statewide datasets (CHARS) and improve internal use of the data for health equity work.</p> <p>Additionally, collection of patient demographics to monitor health equity has long been promoted as a best practice by the American Hospital Association, Joint Commission and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.</p>
Definition:	Percent of inpatient and observation claims coded as “unknown” for each of the four priority demographics: sexual orientation, gender identity, disability condition, disability daily living. Each claim is counted as a record, not each unique patient. One patient may be counted several times if they are admitted more than once; all claim records must have demographics reported.
Included Populations:	All inpatient (including swing bed) and observation claims for patients age 13 and older are included.
Exclusions:	Exclude patients under age 13.
Fields to be reported:	<p>Hospitals do not need to submit any additional data. The measure will be calculated using Washington State Discharge dataset files for November 2024 date of service claims. This data is already submitted to WSHA by hospitals.</p> <p>Hospitals will be able to track progress towards the target by accessing the member-facing Inpatient & Observation Demographic Dashboard on DASH or by requesting progress reports directly from the WSHA team.</p>

Data Collection period:	The final calculation will be based on only date of service through November 2024 claims (one month snapshot). Improvements made, then lost before November will not impact the measure. Due to claims processing time between data submission to the final dataset, measure scores will be calculated and available to view in DASH by mid-February 2025.															
Reporting deadline:	Jan 14, 2025.															
Audits and validation: Do not change	Data are subject to audit by the state. WSHA will not audit but will complete a few basic validity checks.															
Submission Frequency:	Hospitals do not need to submit any additional data.															
Data collection system:	Washington State Discharge dataset															
Data Scoring:	<p>November 2024 data will be scored for this measure as follows:</p> <p>The target for percent “unknown” is 20% or less for each demographic. For each of the four demographics, 2.5 points will be awarded if the target is met.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="703 871 1468 1136"> <thead> <tr> <th>Threshold for Demographic Reporting</th> <th>Target met (“unknown”) ≤20%</th> <th>Target not met (“unknown”) >20%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sexual Orientation</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gender Identity</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability Condition</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disability Daily Living</td> <td>2.5</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Threshold for Demographic Reporting	Target met (“unknown”) ≤20%	Target not met (“unknown”) >20%	Sexual Orientation	2.5	0	Gender Identity	2.5	0	Disability Condition	2.5	0	Disability Daily Living	2.5	0
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