

MIPS #PIMSH18: Resolution or Improvement of Health-Related Social Needs

This lesson covers the steps for the **MIPS Quality Measure #PIMSH18 Resolution or Improvement of Health-Related Social Needs**.

- **18 or more years** of age with **2 EM Visits** in reporting period
- **NCCN Distress Thermometer completed in IKM** during **Denominator Identification Period**, 7/1 of previous performance period through 6/30 of current performance period:
 - By patient via **Ontada Health** *or*
 - **Entry of patient responses by practice user** into NCCN Distress Thermometer in iKM
- For the purposes of this measure, the in the “Practical Concerns” category will be used:
 - If **at least 1 box** is checked in “**Practical Concerns**” at initial screening, it will include the patient in the denominator
- A **reduction in the number of boxes** in the “Practical Concerns” at rescreening will meet the numerator.
- Follow up screening must occur **within 6 months of initial screening**.
- If there is **no follow up screen after initial screen, this is a numerator not met**.
- If there are **multiple follow up screens, we use the most current one** to determine numerator/performance status for the patient.
- **ONLY** if the same element boxes are still checked under “Practical Concerns” during the follow up screen, then the coding will look at the Distress Score. If there is a reduction to the Distress Score, this indicates improvement and will also be considered numerator met. i.e. initial distress score of 6 and follow up screen score of 3 would be numerator met

iKnowMedSM Generation 2

Observation Date
06/24/2025

Indicate the number that best describes how much distress you have been experiencing in the past week, including today.

Distress Level

☐ 10 — extreme distress

☐ 9

☐ 8

☐ 7

☐ 6

☐ 5

☐ 4

☐ 3

☐ 2

☐ 1

☐ 0 — no distress

Comments

Add comments

☐ Patient declined to complete assessment

Have you had concerns about any of the items below in the past week, including today? (mark all that apply)

Physical concerns

☐ Pain

☐ Sleep

☐ Fatigue

☐ Tobacco use

☐ Substance use

☐ Memory or concentration

☐ Sexual health

☐ Changes in eating

☐ Loss or change of physical abilities

Practical concerns

☐ Taking care of myself

☐ Taking care of others

☐ Safety

☐ Work

☐ School

☐ Housing

☐ Utilities

☐ Finances

☐ Insurance

☐ Transportation

☐ Childcare

☐ Having enough food

☐ Access to medicine

☐ Treatment decisions

Emotional concerns

☐ Worry or anxiety

☐ Sadness or depression

☐ Loss of interest or enjoyment

☐ Grief or loss

☐ Fear

☐ Loneliness

☐ Anger

☐ Changes in appearance

☐ Feelings of worthlessness or being a burden

Social concerns

☐ Relationship with spouse or partner

☐ Relationship with children

☐ Relationship with family

☐ Relationship with friends or coworkers

☐ Communication with healthcare team

☐ Ability to have children

☐ Prejudice or discriminations

Spiritual or religious concerns

☐ Sense of meaning or purpose

☐ Changes in faith or beliefs

☐ Death, dying, or afterlife

☐ Conflict between beliefs and cancer treatments

☐ Relationship with the sacred

☐ Ritual or dietary needs

Other concerns

Add other concerns

Measure notes:

- If **one or more of elements under the Practical Concerns** category are checked, it is considered positive and will be included in the denominator.
- If the patient **declines to complete the screening**, this will meet the exclusion
- At re-screening, **if the same boxes are checked** in the Practical Concerns category as in initial screening, only then will the **Distress Score be reviewed for improvement**. A lower distress score when the same Practical Concerns are checked indicates “improvement” and therefore numerator met.

This concludes the lesson for the **MIPS Quality Measure #PIMSH18 Resolution or Improvement of Health-Related Social Needs**.