

Episodes of care thresholds 2021

Table 1: Quality metric thresholds, by episode type, for 2021 performance period

Wave 1		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Perinatal			
QM01: Screening for HIV	higher value indicative of better performance	90%	90%
QM02: Screening for Group B streptococcus	higher value indicative of better performance	90%	90%
QM03: C-section rate	lower value indicative of better performance	38%	37%
Asthma acute exacerbation			
QM01: Follow-up care within the post-trigger window	higher value indicative of better performance	30%	30%
QM02: Appropriate medications within the trigger and post-trigger window	higher value indicative of better performance	60%	60%
Total joint replacement			
QM01: Admission in the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
Wave 2			
		2020 thresholds	2021 thresholds
COPD			
QM01: Follow-up care within the post-trigger window	higher value indicative of better performance	45%	45%
Colonoscopy			
N/A			
Cholecystectomy			
QM01: Hospitalization in the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
Acute PCI			
QM01: Hospitalization in the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
Non-Acute PCI (Informational in 2021)			
QM01: Hospitalization in the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	N/A
Wave 3			
		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Gastrointestinal bleeding hemorrhage			
QM01: Follow-up visit in post-trigger window	higher value indicative of better performance	45%	45%
Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD)			
QM01: Related emergency department (ED) visit	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
Respiratory infection			
QM01: Related ED visit	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	10%

Wave 3		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Pneumonia			
QM01: Follow-up care within the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	30%	30%
UTI-Outpatient			
QM01: Admission within the trigger window for ED triggered episodes	lower value indicative of better performance	5%	5%
UTI-Inpatient			
QM01: Follow-up care within the post-trigger window	higher value indicative of better performance	40%	40%
Wave 4		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
ADHD			
QM01: Minimum care requirement	higher value indicative of better performance	70%	70%
QM02: Long-acting stimulants for members aged 6 to 11	higher value indicative of better performance	80%	80%
QM03: Long-acting stimulants for members aged 12 to 20	higher value indicative of better performance	80%	80%
QM04: Utilization of therapy for members aged 4 and 5	higher value indicative of better performance	1.0	1.0
ODD			
QM01: Minimum care requirement	higher value indicative of better performance	30%	30%
Congestive heart failure			
QM01: Follow-up Care Within Post-Trigger Window	higher value indicative of better performance	60%	60%
Bariatric surgery			
QM01: Follow-up care within the post-trigger window	higher value indicative of better performance	30%	30%
Coronary artery bypass graft (Informational in 2021)			
QM01: Follow-up Care Within Post-Trigger Window	higher value indicative of better performance	90%	N/A
Valve repair and replacement (Informational in 2021)			
QM01: Follow-up Care Within Post-Trigger Window	higher value indicative of better performance	90%	N/A
Wave 5		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Breast biopsy			
QM01: Appropriate diagnostic workup rate	higher value indicative of better performance	90%	90%
QM02: Core needle biopsy rate	higher value indicative of better performance	85%	85%
Otitis media			
QM01: OME episodes without antibiotics filled	higher value indicative of better performance	25%	25%
QM02: Non-OME episodes with amoxicillin filled	higher value indicative of better performance	60%	60%

Wave 5		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Tonsillectomy			
QM01: Bleeding up to two days following the procedure	lower value indicative of better performance	5%	5%
Wave 6		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Skin and soft tissue infection			
QM01: Bacterial cultures when I&D performed	higher value indicative of better performance	50%	50%
QM02: SSTI episodes with a first line antibiotic	higher value indicative of better performance	85%	85%
HIV (Informational in 2021)			
QM01: Periodic ART refill	higher value indicative of better performance	85%	N/A
Pancreatitis			
QM01: Follow-up care within 14 days	higher value indicative of better performance	35%	35%
Diabetes acute exacerbation			
QM01: follow-up care in the first 14 days	higher value indicative of better performance	30%	30%
Wave 7		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Spinal fusion			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	8.0	8.0
Spinal decompression			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Femur/Pelvic fracture (Informational in 2021)			
QM01: Related follow-up care	higher value indicative of better performance	30.0%	N/A
QM02: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	8.0	N/A
Knee arthroscopy			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Non-operative ankle injury			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Non-operative wrist injury			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Non-operative shoulder injury			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Non-operative knee injury			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0

Wave 7		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Back/neck pain			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Wave 8		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Acute seizure			
QM01: Brain MRI utilization in focal epilepsy	higher value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
QM02: Prolonged electroencephalogram (EEG) monitoring utilization in newly diagnosed seizure	higher value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
Syncope			
QM01: Carotid ultrasound imaging in adults	lower value indicative of better performance	10%	10%
Acute gastroenteritis			
QM01: Abdominal or pelvic CT scan or MRI in adults	lower value indicative of better performance	40.0%	40.0%
QM02: Abdominal or pelvic CT scan or MRI in children	lower value indicative of better performance	40.0%	30.0%
QM03: Antibiotics utilization	lower value indicative of better performance	30.0%	30.0%
Bronchiolitis			
QM01: Related admission during the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	10.0%	10.0%
QM02: Utilization of bronchodilators	lower value indicative of better performance	30.0%	30.0%
QM03: Utilization of steroids	lower value indicative of better performance	50.0%	50.0%
Pediatric pneumonia			
QM01: Related admission during the post-trigger window	lower value indicative of better performance	10.0%	10.0%
QM02: Utilization of macrolides in patients under 6 years old	lower value indicative of better performance	30.0%	30.0%
QM03: Utilization of narrow spectrum antibiotics	higher value indicative of better performance	50.0%	50.0%
Colposcopy			
QM01: Loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP) utilization under 26 years old with no evidence of high-grade dysplasia	lower value indicative of better performance	10.0%	10.0%
QM02: LEEP utilization with low-grade dysplasia	lower value indicative of better performance	10.0%	10.0%
Hysterectomy			
QM01: Alternative treatments	higher value indicative of better performance	20.0%	20.0%
QM02: Related follow-up care	higher value indicative of better performance	10.0%	10.0%

Wave 8		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Gastrointestinal obstruction			
QM01: Related follow-up care	higher value indicative of better performance	20.0%	20.0%
QM02: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Appendectomy			
QM01: Abdominopelvic CT scans in children	lower value indicative of better performance	50.0%	50.0%
QM02: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Hernia repair			
QM01: Difference in Average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
Wave 9		2020 threshold	2021 threshold
Cystourethroscopy			
QM01: Difference in average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	0.0	1.0
QM02: Related ED visit	lower value indicative of better performance	10.0%	10.0%
QM03: Repeated Cystourethroscopy	lower value indicative of better performance	5.0%	5.0%
Acute kidney and ureter stones			
QM01: Difference in average MED/day	lower value indicative of better performance	3.0	3.0
QM02: Related ED visit	lower value indicative of better performance	15.0%	15.0%

Table 2: Impact analysis of proposed acceptable and commendable thresholds, Amerigroup Community Care

Wave 1	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
Perinatal	\$8,150	\$6,248	\$3,467
Asthma acute exacerbation	\$1,000	\$540	\$196
Total joint replacement	\$27,737	\$5,773	\$5,020
Total	-	-	
Wave 2	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
COPD	\$3,147	\$1,134	\$283
Colonoscopy	\$1,364	\$675	\$186
Cholecystectomy	\$6,333	\$3,465	\$2,475
Acute percutaneous coronary intervention	\$25,330	\$4,735	\$4,117
Non-acute percutaneous coronary intervention	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	-	-	

Wave 3	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
GI hemorrhage	\$5,518	\$2,600	\$285
EGD	\$1,564	\$752	\$362
Respiratory infection	\$135	\$87	\$32
Pneumonia	\$2,109	\$1,110	\$256
UTI-outpatient	\$166	\$116	\$29
UTI-inpatient	\$5,622	\$3,373	\$447
Total	-	-	
Wave 4	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
ADHD	\$788	\$255	\$63
Oppositional defiant disorder	\$2,685	\$340	\$319
Congestive heart failure	\$9,968	\$3,811	\$539
Coronary artery bypass graft	N/A	N/A	N/A
Valve repair and replacement	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bariatric surgery	\$13,544	\$7,284	\$4,023
Total	-	-	
Wave 5	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
Breast biopsy	\$2,965	\$994	\$609
Otitis media	\$263	\$120	\$35
Tonsillectomy	\$3,815	\$2,095	\$982
Total	-	-	
Wave 6	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
Skin and soft tissue infection	\$413	\$172	\$32
HIV	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pancreatitis	\$15,793	\$1,808	\$1,572
Diabetes acute exacerbation	\$7,068	\$3,764	\$1,742
Total	-	-	
Wave 7	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
Spinal fusion	\$35,700	\$13,040	\$11,339
Spinal decompression	\$10,455	\$5,363	\$4,664
Femur/pelvic fracture	N/A	N/A	N/A
Knee arthroscopy	\$4,697	\$3,311	\$1,669
Non-operative ankle injury	\$469	\$191	\$49
Non-operative wrist injury	\$524	\$240	\$47
Non-operative shoulder injury	\$559	\$202	\$49
Non-operative knee injury	\$618	\$219	\$42
Back/neck pain	\$559	\$217	\$40
Total	-	-	

Wave 8	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
Acute seizure	\$2,397	\$954	\$189
Syncope	\$956	\$280	\$42
Acute gastroenteritis	\$900	\$442	\$59
Bronchiolitis	\$922	\$533	\$132
Pediatric pneumonia	\$1,111	\$647	\$173
Colposcopy	\$588	\$286	\$97
Hysterectomy	\$7,920	\$6,028	\$3,252
Gastrointestinal obstruction	\$25,350	\$1,767	\$1,537
Appendectomy	\$6,945	\$5,168	\$1,447
Hernia repair	\$5,715	\$2,824	\$1,616
Total	-	-	
Wave 9	Acceptable	Commendable	Gain-sharing limit
Cystourethroscopy	\$1,993	\$785	\$161
Acute kidney and ureter stones	\$1,755	\$582	\$313
Total			
Grand total	-	-	