### Summary of Changes
- Clarification of index event, denominator identification period, measure assessment period, and encounter.
- Applicable timeframes added to exclusions.
- Being mindful of alignment with CMS Performance Periods as well as measure construct changes for the 2020 Report Year, the denominator identification period has been moved back one month for the 2019 Report Year. This anticipatory timeframe shift will prevent overlap of the denominator identification periods for the 2019 and 2020 Report Years.

### Description
The percentage of patients 18 years of age or older with Major Depression or Dysthymia who reached remission six months (+/- 30 days) after an index event.

### Measurement Period
- Denominator Identification Period: November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017
- Measure Assessment Period: For each patient, the measure assessment period begins with an index event and is 13 months (12 months +/- 30 days) in length.

### Eligible Population
- **Eligible Specialties**: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Psychiatry, Behavioral Health

### Eligible Providers
- **Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Physician Assistant (PA), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)**
- If a physician is on site, these providers are also eligible: Licensed Psychologist (LP), Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT)

### Ages
- 18 years of age or older at the index event
### Event (Index)

An index event occurs when ALL of the following criteria are met during an encounter*:

- a PHQ-9 result greater than nine
- an active diagnosis of Major Depression or Dysthymia** (Major Depression or Dysthymia Value Set)
- the patient is NOT in a prior measure assessment period

* For this measure, encounter is defined as any of the following: office visit, psychiatry or psychotherapy visit, telephone or online encounter.

**For psychiatry providers and behavioral health providers with a psychiatrist on site: the diagnosis of Major Depression or Dysthymia must be the primary diagnosis.

### Denominator

The eligible population who had index events during the denominator identification period.

### Numerator

The number of patients in the denominator who reached remission, with a PHQ-9 result less than five, six months (+/- 30 days) after an index event.

### Required Exclusions

The following exclusions must be applied to the eligible population:

- Patient had an active diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder (Bipolar Disorder Value Set) any time prior to the end of the measure assessment period
- Patient had an active diagnosis of Personality Disorder (Personality Disorder Value Set) any time prior to the end of the measure assessment period

### Allowable Exclusions

The following exclusions are allowed to be applied to the eligible population:

- Patient was a permanent nursing home resident at any time during the denominator identification period or measure assessment period
- Patient was in hospice or receiving palliative care at any time during the denominator identification period or measure assessment period
- Patient died prior to the end of the measure assessment period

### Measure Scoring

Rate/Proportion

### Interpretation of Score

Higher score indicates better quality

### Measure Type

Outcome