**103: Designated Patient Advocate Documented on a Legally Recognized Document in the Inpatient or Outpatient Medical Record**

**What is this measure?**
- This measure will identify the proportion of patients who have a designated patient advocate documented on a legally recognized document in the outpatient or inpatient medical record.

**What is a designated patient advocate?**
- Patients can designate someone to make decisions for them if and only when they cannot make decisions for themselves.
- There are several terms for the same document such as:
  - Durable power of attorney for health care (DPOA-HC)
  - Health care proxy
  - Advanced Directive
  - Registration with MI Peace of Mind Registry, which counts as meeting this measure.

**Why is this measure important?**
- A designated patient advocate can support the patient and the medical team in pursuing the patient’s wishes or what the designated patient advocate decides on behalf of the patient.
- They are particularly useful when there’s disagreement among others in the patient’s family.
- It is not uncommon for people who haven't been involved in the patient’s care to take issue with a plan of care that’s already been agreed upon by the patient and the medical team.

**What is included in this measure?**
- Numerator = proportion of people who have a designated patient advocate documented on a legally recognized document in the inpatient or outpatient medical record. There are no exclusions.
- Denominator = all patients. There are no exclusions.
- MOQCLink question: “Is there documentation of a patient advocate on a legally recognized document in the inpatient or outpatient record?”
  - Responses = “yes” or “no.”

**Where can abstractors find this information?**
- Notes - assessment/plan, clinic, chemotherapy teaching
- Flowsheet or consent forms
- The search option available in some EMRs
- Media tab in EPIC, document may be scanned in
- Demographics in some EMRs such as OncoEMR

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