

New Tobacco Quality Measure for Health Plans for 2026

[Tobacco Use Screening and Cessation Intervention \(TSC-E\)](#) is a new quality measure for health plans to report to the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) in 2026. This population-based measure aligns with current reporting by health systems.

» The TSC-E measure reports two rates:

Tobacco Use Screening



Percentage of persons 12 and older screened for tobacco use

Cessation Intervention



Percentage of persons identified as a tobacco user who received a cessation intervention

» What counts as “Tobacco”?

Tobacco refers to commercial tobacco or nicotine products not approved by the FDA for smoking cessation.



Smoking



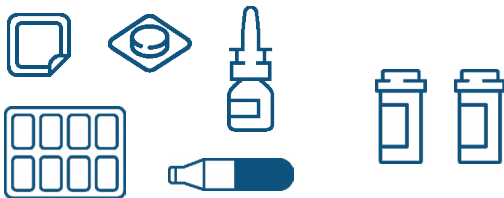
Smokeless



E-cigarettes and vapes

» What counts as a “Cessation Intervention”?

FDA-Approved Medications



Nicotine patch, gum, lozenge, nasal spray, inhaler (if available)

Varenicline or bupropion

Counseling



Individual or group counseling

Referral to quitline or text/app

Referral to digital program

Visit the [CA Quits program website](#) and our [Healthcare System Toolkit](#) for TSC-E implementation strategies, and refer to [HEDIS® MY 2026 Volume 2](#) for full measure specifications.