Part 1:
First, determine the Measurement Date (MeasDate) (Note this date serves as the end data for the measurement period. It will often be the last day of a month.)

We will be looking at adult patients with hypertension age 18-85 for the controlling high blood pressure measurement review.

Were you able to obtain a list of eligible patients from the EHR?
☐ No – Continue to Part 2
☐ Yes – [Skip to Part 3 on next page]

Part 2: Let’s determine who should be included in our chart review (the denominator). Open chart for patients continuing retrospectively until required sample is collected.

Did this patient have at least one face to face visit with an enrolled provider in the past year?
☐ No – Exclude from review  STOP Begin review of next patient chart
☐ Yes - Continue

Next see if the patient meets the other criteria.

1. Is patient ≥ 18 yo one year prior to the MeasDate AND <= 85 on the MeasDate
   ☐ No
   ☐ Yes

2. Was the patient diagnosed with essential hypertension* on the active problem list (on or before 6 months prior to the MeasDate) or an office visit diagnosis code (on or before 6 months prior to the MeasDate)
   ☐ No
   ☐ Yes – Record as Denominator Eligible (D), go immediately to review

3. Did the patient’s most recent visit occur on or after their first diagnosis of essential hypertension*?
   ☐ No
   ☐ Yes – Record as Denominator Eligible (D), go immediately to review

IF NO TO ALL, EXCLUDE CASE FROM REVIEW  STOP Begin review of next patient chart

*Please see supplemental materials for definition
Part 3: Now, let’s determine if this chart meets our numerator criteria.

1. Now look at the most recent office blood pressure recorded in a standard field in the EHR on or before the MeasDate (must be within 1 year of the MeasDate). Is the systolic blood pressure <140 and diastolic blood pressure <90?

☐ Yes – Meets criteria for Numerator  **STOP** record as Numerator (N)
Begin review of next patient chart

☐ No – Blood pressure is higher. Continue with review to determine if exception (X) exists

☐ No – Blood pressure is not measured. Continue with review to determine if exception (X) exists

Part 4: Now, let’s determine if this chart meet our exception criteria.

1. Is there a diagnosis code on the active problem list (on or before MeasDate) or an office visit diagnosis code (on or within 1 year before MeasDate) indicating pregnancy*?

☐ Yes – Meets criteria for Exception  **STOP** record as Exception (X)
Begin review of next patient chart

☐ No – Continue with review to determine if another exception exists

2. Is there a diagnosis code on the active problem list (on or before MeasDate) or an office visit diagnosis code (on or within 1 year before MeasDate) indicating the patient has end stage renal disease (ESRD)*?

☐ Yes – Meets criteria for Exception  **STOP** record as Exception (X)
Begin review of next patient chart

☐ No – Continue with review to determine if another exception exists [Go to part 5]

*Please see supplemental materials for definition
Part 5: Now, let’s determine why the measure was not met. Review the three office notes on or preceding the MeasDate (do not look back further than 2 years from the MeasDate)

1. Was last office blood pressure measurement including those documented in free text <140/90 (both numbers), must be done in the 1 year prior to the MeasDate.
   - Yes – Meets numerator on review STOP record as meets Numerator on Review (Ncr) and Blood Pressure Documentation Error
   - No – Continue with review to determine why the measure is not met

2. Does office note indicate pregnancy during measurement period?
   - Yes – Meets exception on review STOP record as meets Exception criteria on review (Xcr) and Diagnosis Documentation Error
   - No – Continue with review to determine why the measure is not met

3. Does office note indicate end-stage renal disease (ESRD)?
   - Yes – Meets exception on review STOP record as meets Exception criteria on review (Xcr) and Diagnosis Documentation Error
   - No – Continue with review to determine why the measure is not met

4. Does the chart indicate that home or ambulatory monitoring was performed within 1 year of the MeasDate and was <140/90?
   - Yes – Does not meet measure STOP record as Medical Reason
   - No – Continue with review to determine why the measure is not met

5. Does the chart indicate that the goals of care are palliative?
   - Yes – Does not meet measure STOP record as Medical Reason
   - No – Possible quality gap

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