

## Appendix 5B: Outpatient Process Indicators (Nonpharmacological)

The outpatient nonpharmacological process indicators include left ventricular function evaluation using validated modalities (e.g., echocardiography, catheterization and ventriculography, radionuclide angiography). Any of the modalities is acceptable for the purposes of the indicator. Follow-up provider visit within 4 weeks includes visit to any of a general practitioner, family physician or specialist.

| <b>LEFT VENTRICULAR FUNCTION EVALUATION WITHIN 1 MONTH OF DISCHARGE (TEST<sup>‡</sup>)</b> |  |
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| <b>ELIGIBLE</b>  | 1) All HF patients   |
| <b>EXCLUSION</b>   | 1) LV function evaluated during hospital stay<br>2) LV function evaluated within 6 months prior to hospital admission<br>3) Transferred to another acute care facility |
| <b>STATISTIC</b>   | % of eligible CHF patients with LV function evaluated within 1 month post-discharge  |

<sup>‡</sup>Test indicator: quality indicator which has not been incorporated in published guidelines or for which it is uncertain whether the process of care can be feasibly and reliably measured or uncertain whether it is amenable to quality improvement efforts.

| <b>FOLLOW-UP PROVIDER VISIT WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF DISCHARGE</b> |  |
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| <b>ELIGIBLE</b>   | 1) Alive 4 weeks after discharge<br>2) Discharged home   |
| <b>EXCLUSION</b>  | 1) Admitted within 4 weeks after discharge<br>2) Physician visit / billing data not available<br>3) Transferred to another acute care facility |
| <b>STATISTIC</b>  | % of eligible CHF patients with physician visit within 4 weeks post-discharge  |