

## **Appendix:** Assessing Care of Vulnerable Elders-3 quality indicators used in this study

### **Care processes for patients with a history of falls:**

#### *Fall history*

1. IF a person 75 and older reports a history of  $\geq 2$  falls (or 1 fall with injury) in the past year, THEN there should be documentation of a basic fall history (circumstances, medications, chronic conditions, mobility, alcohol intake) within 3 months of the report (or within 4 weeks of the report, if the most recent fall occurred in the past 4 weeks).

#### *Fall examination*

2. IF a person 75 and older reports a history of  $\geq 2$  falls (or 1 fall with injury) in the past year, THEN there should be documentation of orthostatic vital signs within 3 months of the report (or within 4 weeks of the report, if the most recent fall occurred in the past 4 weeks).

3. IF a person 75 and older reports a history of  $\geq 2$  falls (or 1 fall with injury) in the past year, THEN there should be documentation of receipt of an eye exam in the past year, or evidence of visual acuity testing within 3 months of the report.

4. IF a person 75 and older reports a history of  $\geq 2$  falls (or 1 fall with injury) in the past year, THEN there should be documentation of a basic gait, balance, and strength evaluation within 3 months of the report (or within 4 weeks of the report, if the most recent fall occurred in the past 4 weeks).

#### *Cognitive evaluation for fall*

5. IF a person 75 and older reports a history of  $\geq 2$  falls (or 1 fall with injury) in the past year, THEN there should be documentation of an assessment of cognitive status in the past 6 months or within 3 months of the report (or within 4 weeks of the report, if the most recent fall occurred in the past 4 weeks).

#### *Home hazard evaluation*

6. IF a person 75 and older reports a history of  $\geq 2$  falls (or 1 fall with injury) in the past year, THEN there should be documentation of an assessment and modification of home hazards recommended in the past year or within 3 months of the report.

### **Care process for patients with fear of falling due to balance or walking problems**

1. IF a person 75 and older has new or worsening difficulty with ambulation, balance, or mobility, THEN there should be documentation of a basic gait, balance, and strength evaluation within 3 months of the report.