

Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (PCE)

By working together, we can improve health outcomes for your patients, our members. The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) helps us measure many aspects of performance. This tip sheet provides key details of the HEDIS measure for pharmacotherapy management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) exacerbation (PCE).

What Is the Measure?

This measure focuses on COPD exacerbations for members age 40 and older who had an acute inpatient discharge or emergency department visit on or between January 1 and November 30 of the measurement year and who were dispensed appropriate medications.

Two rates are reported:

1. Dispensed a systemic corticosteroid (or there was evidence of an active prescription) within 14 days of the event.
2. Dispensed a bronchodilator (or there was evidence of an active prescription) within 30 days of the event.

How to Improve Your Score

- Schedule a follow-up appointment post discharge and ensure your patient has the appropriate medications.
- Ask if your patient has a barrier to filling the prescription. Many drug manufacturers have coupons available on their websites.

Systemic Corticosteroids

The member is compliant if they are dispensed a prescription for systemic corticosteroids that are active on the relevant date (on or 14 days after the episode).

Description

Glucocorticoids

Prescription

Cortisone, Dexamethasone, Hydrocortisone, Methylprednisolone, Prednisolone, Prednisone

Bronchodilators

The member is compliant if they are dispensed a prescription for systemic corticosteroids that are active on the relevant date (on or 30 days after the episode date).

Description

Anticholinergic agents

Prescription

Acclidinium-bromide, Ipratropium, Tiotropium, Umeclidinium

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Bronchodilators (continued)

Beta 2-agonists

Albuterol, Arformoterol, Formoterol, Indacaterol, Levalbuterol, Metaproterenol, Olodaterol, Salmeterol

Bronchodilator combinations

Albuterol ipratropium, Budesonide-formoterol, Fluticasone-salmeterol, Fluticasone-vilanterol, Fluticasone furoate-umeclidinium-vilanterol, Formoterol-aclidinium, Formoterol-glycopyrrolate, Formoterol-mometasone, Glycopyrrolate-indacaterol, Olodaterol-tiotropium, Umeclidinium-vilanterol

Exclusions

- Members in hospice or receiving hospice services during the measurement year
- Members who died during the measurement year

Diagnosis Codes

Chronic Bronchitis

ICD-10: J41.0-J41.1, J41.8, J42

COPD

ICD-10: J44.0-J44.1, J44.9

Emphysema

ICD-10: J43.0-J43.2, J43.8-J43.9

Exclusion Codes

Hospice encounter

HCPCS: G9473-G9479, G5003-G5008, G5010, S9126, T2042-T2046

Hospice intervention

CPT: 99377-99378

HCPCS: G0182

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