

HEDIS[®] MEASURE: APPROPRIATE TESTING FOR CHILDREN WITH PHARYNGITIS (CWP)

Gold Coast Health Plan's goal is to help its providers gain compliance with their annual Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS[®]) scores by providing guidance and resources. This tip sheet will provide the key components to the HEDIS[®] measure, "Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis (CWP)."

Measure Description: Members ages 3 to 18 who received a diagnosis of pharyngitis. The measure requires that a strep test is performed on all children who receive an antibiotic for acute pharyngitis. A higher rate represents better performance (i.e., appropriate testing).

- ▶ The member must have been dispensed an antibiotic prescription within three days of the episode, and
- ▶ Received a group A strep test either three days before or three days after the episode.

Codes used to identify pharyngitis

Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
Acute pharyngitis	J02.8 J02.9
Acute tonsillitis	J03.00 – J03.91
Streptococcal pharyngitis	J02.0

Codes used to group A streptococcus test

CPT	LOINC
87070, 87071, 87081, 87430, 87650, 87651, 87652, 87880	11268-0, 17656-0, 18481-2, 31971-5, 49610-9, 5036-9, 60489-2, 626-2, 6556-5, 6557-3, 6558-1, 6559-9, 68954-7, 78012-2

Codes used to identify type of clinic encounter

Description	CPT	HCPCS	UBREV
Outpatient	99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245, 99341-99345, 99347-99450, 99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404, 99411, 99412, 99429, 99455, 99456	G0402, G0438, G0439, G0463, T1015	0510-0517, 5019-0523, 0526-0529, 0982, 0983
Observation	99217-99220		
ED	99281-99285		0450-0452, 0456, 0459, 0981

Ways to improve your overall HEDIS[®] score:

- ▶ Ensure your documentation is clear and concise.
- ▶ Make sure that the appropriate codes that report strep testing are included on claims.
- ▶ Document on the claim all co-existing conditions that require the use of an antibiotic treatment.
- ▶ This is an administrative measure, so claims and pharmacy data are used to identify patients with pharyngitis to determine if a strep test was completed prior to the dispensing of an antibiotic.

For additional information on specific HEDIS[®] measures, please visit the websites for the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#) or the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\)](#).

Effective January 1, 2014, NCQA replaced the coding tables with "value sets" which contain all applicable codes that can be used to identify a specific service or condition included in any measure. Detailed information on the data sets and technical specifications can be found [here](#).

GCHP does not intend this information to be medical advice, but a tool to assist in compliance with the HEDIS[®] measures.