

HEDIS[®] MEASURE: APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION (URI)

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 Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)."

Measure Description: This measure looks at the percentage of members ages 3 months to 18 years who were given a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI), had no evidence of a co-existing diagnosis, and were not prescribed an antibiotic.

This measure is reported as an inverted rate, meaning that a higher rate signifies better performance in appropriate treatment of children with URI who were not prescribed an antibiotic. This measure also relies on administrative claims information to identify the eligible population diagnosed with URI during the measurement year (without evidence of a co-existing condition) and who were not prescribed an antibiotic.

Codes used to identify URI

Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)	J00
Acute upper respiratory infection	J06.9
Acute laryngopharyngitis	J06.0

Codes to identify type of visit

Description	CPT	HCPCS	UBREV
Outpatient	99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404, 99411, 99412, 99429, 99455, 99456	G0402, G0438, G0439, G0463, T1015	0510-0517, 0519-0523, 0526-0529, 0982, 0983
Observation	92217-99220		
ED	99281-99285		0450, 0451, 0452, 0456, 0459, 0981

Children with upper respiratory infection who were diagnosed with any of the following co-existing conditions within three days after the diagnosis of upper respiratory infection are excluded and not reported in this measure

Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	A00.0-A09, A37.00-A37.91, A44.0-A44.9, A49.9, A50.01-A59.9, A63.0-A64, A69.0-A69.9, B60.0-B60.8, B64, B78.1, B96.89
Metabolic Disorder	E83.2
Disorders of the Ear	H66.01-H67.9, H70.001 - H70.93, H95.00 -H95.89
Disorders of the Respiratory System	J01.00-J03.91, J04.10, J04.11, J04.2, J05.0-J05.11, J13-J18.9, J20.0-J20.2, J32.0-J32.9,
Digestive System Diseases	K12.2
Integumentary System Diseases	L01.00-L01.1, L03.011-L04.91, L08.1-L08.9, L88, L92.8, L98.0, L98.3
Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue Disease	M46.20-M46.39, M89.00-M89.9, M90.80-M90.89
Genitourinary Diseases	N10-N12, N13.0, N13.6, N15.1, N16, N28.84-N28.86, N30.00-N30.91, N39.0, N41.0-N41.9, N70.01-N77.1,
Health Hazards Related to Communicable Diseases	Z20.2, Z22.4



Ways to improve your overall HEDIS® score:

- ▶ Ensure your documentation is clear and concise.
- ▶ Use proper coding.
- ▶ Submit your claim for all diagnoses, including all co-morbid and competing conditions so the member can be excluded from this measure where applicable.
- ▶ If a child has a co-existing condition and an antibiotic is being prescribed to treat the URI, be sure to document the proper diagnosis codes on the claim. This will ensure that you receive the highest quality score for this measure.

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.