

HEDIS Measures Updated:

Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP) and Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)

Significant changes have been made to Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS^{®1}) measures for pharyngitis testing and upper respiratory infection treatment. We want to be sure you're aware of the updates.

Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP), 2020 HEDIS measure:

- Name changed to *Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis* (instead of *Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis*)
- Includes members **3 years old and older (no longer stops at age 18)**
- Pharyngitis diagnosis
- Antibiotics given (measure compliancy determined by pharmacy claims)
- Group A Strep Test obtained
 - CPT codes: 87070, 87071, 87081, 87430, 87650, 87651, 87652, 87880
- Measure changed from member-based denominator to episode-based denominator
- Updated [**CWP tip sheet**](#)

Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI), 2020 HEDIS measure:

- Name changed to *Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection* (instead of *Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection*)
- Includes members **age 3 months old and older (age range now expanded)**
- URI/bronchitis diagnosis
- **No** antibiotics given (measure compliancy determined by pharmacy claims)
- Measure changed from member-based denominator to episode-based denominator
- Updated [**URI tip sheet**](#)

You'll find helpful tip sheets for all HEDIS measures at:

floridablue.com/provider/hedis-measure-tip-sheet-chart.

If you have questions about CWP, URI or other HEDIS measures, email us at:

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