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®) 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 compliance 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 compliance 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: askquality@floridablue.com.