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Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (PCE)

Let's work together to improve health outcomes. The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) helps us measure many aspects of performance. This tip sheet details key points of the featured HEDIS measure.

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 Quality 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.

Description	Prescription
Glucocorticoids	Cortisone-acetate Dexamethasone Hydrocortisone Methylprednisolone Prednisolone Prednisone Triamcinolone

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Bronchodilators	
The member is compliant if they were dispensed a prescription for a bronchodilator on or before 30 days after the episode date.	
Description	Prescription
Anticholinergic agents	Albuterol-ipratropium Acclidinium-bromide Ipratropium Tiotropium Umeclidinum
Beta 2-agonists	Albuterol Arformoterol Budesonide-formoterol Fluticasone-salmeterol Fluticasone-vilanterol Formoterol Formoterol-glycopyrrolate Indacaterol Indacaterol-glycopyrrolate Levalbuterol Formoterol-mometasone Metaproterenol Olodaterol hydrochloride Olodaterol=tiotropium Salmeterol Umeclidinium-vilanterol
Antiasthmatic combinations	Dyphylline-guaifenesin

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