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## Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR)

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?

The measure reports the percentage of members age 5-64 years identified from claims to have persistent asthma and a ratio of control medications to total asthma medications of 50% or greater during the measurement year.

### Eligible Population

Age 5-64 as of December 31 of the measurement year.

### How to Improve Your Quality Score

- Report the appropriate diagnosis codes for the member's condition. Include the appropriate codes for diagnosed conditions that may exclude the member from this measure.
- Ask if your patient has a barrier to filling the prescription. Many drug manufacturers have coupons available on their websites.
- Schedule follow-up appointments, confirm the patient's ratio of control medication to total asthma medication is 50% or greater, and ensure the patient receives prescriptions during the checkout process.

### Codes for Reporting Blood Pressure Readings

COPD	ICD-10: J44.0, J44.1, J44.9
Cystic fibrosis	ICD-10: E84.0, E84.11, E84.19, E84.8, E84.9
Acute respiratory failure	ICD-10: J96.0-J96.02, J96.20-J96.22
Emphysema	ICD-10: J43.0-J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J98.2-J98.3
Obstructive chronic	CD-10: 491.20 -491.22
Chronic respiratory conditions due to fumes/vapors	ICD-10: J68.4
Members in hospice	CPT: 99377, 99378 HCPCS: G0182

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## HEDIS Measure: Childhood Immunization Status *(continued)*

### Acceptable Settings for Blood Pressure Readings

- BP reading taken during an outpatient visit
- BP reading taken during a non-acute inpatient visit
- BP reading taken from a remote monitoring device that is digitally stored and transmitted to the provider.

**Note:** Member-reported results from a remote monitoring device are not acceptable.

### Unacceptable Setting for Blood Pressure Readings

- BP readings taken during an acute inpatient stay or emergency department visit.
- BP readings taken on the same day as a diagnostic test or procedure requiring a change in diet or in medication on or one day before test or procedure. This does not include fasting blood test.
- Member-reported or taken by the member, including results from a remote monitoring device.