

HEDIS® MEASURE: APPROPRIATE TESTING FOR CHILDREN WITH PHARYNGITIS (CWP)

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 Testing for Children with Pharyngitis (CWP)."

Measure Description: Members ages 2 to 18 who received a diagnosis of pharyngitis. The measure requires that a strep test is performed on all children who receive an antibiotic for acute pharyngitis.

- ▶ The member must have been dispensed an antibiotic prescription within three days of the episode, and
- ▶ Received a group A strep test either three days before or three days after the episode.

Codes used to identify pharyngitis

Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
Acute pharyngitis	J02.8 J02.9
Acute tonsillitis	J03.00 – J03.91
Streptococcal sore throat	J02.0

Codes used to group A streptococcus test

CPT	CPT Category II	LOINC
87070, 87071, 87081, 87430, 87650, 87651, 87652, 87880	N/A	626-2, 5036-9, 6556-5, 6557-3, 6558-1, 6559-9, 11268-0, 17656-0, 18481-2, 31971-5, 49610-9, 60489-2, 68954-7

Ways to improve your overall HEDIS® score:

- ▶ Ensure your documentation is clear and concise.
- ▶ Make sure that strep testing and document testing is completely demonstrated on the claim to receive credit.
- ▶ Document on the claim all co-existing conditions that require the use of an antibiotic treatment.
- ▶ This is an administrative measure, so claims are used to identify patients with the appropriate diagnosis and who had the appropriate testing if they were dispensed an antibiotic.

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.