HEDIS® MEASURE: UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION

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 Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)."*

Measure Description: This measure looks at the percentage of those ages 3 months to 18 years who were given a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI), had no evidence of a co-existing diagnosis, and were not prescribed an antibiotic.

This measure is reported as an inverted rate, meaning that a higher rate signifies better performance in appropriate treatment of children with URI who were not prescribed an antibiotic. This measure also relies on administrative claims information to identify the eligible population diagnosed with URI during the measurement year (without evidence of a co-existing condition) and who were not prescribed an antibiotic.

Codes used to identify URI

Description	ICD-10-CM Diagnosis
Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)	J00
Upper respiratory infection	J06.9
Acute laryngopharyngitis	J06.0

Ways to improve your overall HEDIS® score:
► Ensure your documentation is clear and concise.
► Use proper coding.
► Submit your claim for all diagnoses, including all co-morbid and competing conditions so the member can be excluded from this measure where applicable.
► If a child has a co-existing condition and an antibiotic is being prescribed to treat the URI, be sure to document the proper diagnosis codes on the claim. This will ensure that you receive the highest quality score for this measure.

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.