

HEDIS® Tips:

Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (PCE)

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The percentage of COPD exacerbations for patients 40 years and older who had an acute inpatient discharge or ED visit with a primary diagnosis of COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis on or between January 1 – November 30 of the measurement year and were dispensed appropriate medications:

- A systemic corticosteroid (or there was evidence of an active prescription) within 14 days of the event
- A bronchodilator (or there was evidence of an active prescription) within 30 days of the event

USING CORRECT BILLING CODES

Codes to Identify COPD, Emphysema, or Chronic Bronchitis

Description	Prescription	
COPD	*ICD9: 493.20-493.22, 496	ICD-10: J44.0, J44.1, J44.9
Emphysema	*ICD9: 492.0, 492.8	ICD-10: J43.0, J43.1, J43.2, J43.8, J43.9
Chronic Bronchitis		ICD-10: J41.0, J41.1, J41.8, J42

*ICD-9 codes are included for historical purposes only and can no longer be used for billing.

Systemic Corticosteroids

Description	Prescription		
Glucocorticoids	Dexamethasone	Methylprednisolone	Prednisone
	Hydrocortisone	Prednisolone	Cortisone-acetate

Bronchodilators

Description	Prescription		
Anticholinergic agents	Albuterol-ipratropium	Ipratropium	Umeclidinium
	Aclidinium-bromide	Tiotropium	
Beta 2-agonists	Albuterol	Formoterol-glycopyrrolate	Olodaterol hydrochloride
	Arformoterol	Indacaterol	Olodaterol-tiotropium
	Budesonide-formoterol	Indacaterol-glycopyrrolate	Pirbuterol
	Fluticasone-salmeterol	Levalbuterol	Salmeterol
	Fluticasone-vilanterol	Mometasone-formoterol	Umeclidinium-vilanterol
	Formoterol	Metaproterenol	
Antiasthmatic combinations	Dyphylline-guaifenesin	Guaifenesin-theophylline	

HOW TO IMPROVE HEDIS SCORES

- ☐ Schedule a follow-up appointment within 7-14 days of discharge.
- ☐ Consider standing orders for those patients discharged from the hospital or emergency room.
- ☐ Contact your patient once they have been discharged to schedule a follow-up appointment as soon as possible.
- ☐ Remind patients to fill their corticosteroid and bronchodilator prescriptions.
- ☐ Refer to Molina's adopted clinical practice guidelines on COPD via the Molina website.