

# HEDIS® Tip Sheet

## Chlamydia Screening (CHL)

### Measure Description

The percentage of members 16-24 years of age who were recommended for routine chlamydia screening, were identified as sexually active and had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.

**Product Lines:** Commercial, Medicaid, Exchange

### Codes Included in the Current HEDIS® Measure

#### *Codes to Identify Chlamydia Screening*

Description	Code
Chlamydia Test	CPT: 87110, 87270, 87320, 87490-87492, 87810

### Ways Providers can Improve HEDIS® Performance

- Perform chlamydia screening every year on every woman 16-24 years of age regardless of reported sexual activity (use any visit opportunity).
- Add chlamydia screening as a standard lab for women 16-24 years old. Use well-child exams and well women exams for this purpose.
- Ensure that you have an opportunity to speak with your adolescent female patients without their parent.
- A urine specimen is the least invasive way to screen for chlamydia. It can be provided to the patient at any office visit.
- Set EMR alerts to flag patients due for screening.

### Ways Health Plans can Improve HEDIS® Performance

- Offer at-home chlamydia testing for members who request it.
- Member outreach about women's health targeted to 16-21 age group.
- Include chlamydia screening on HEDIS gap sheets.
- Audit, identify, and educate top 10 providers with open gaps.

### Required Exclusions

- Members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year.
- Members who die any time during the measurement year.
- Members who were assigned male at birth.
- Have either of the following:
  - Evidence of a pregnancy test during the measurement year and a prescription for retinoids (Isotretinoin) on the date of the pregnancy test or 6 days after the pregnancy test
  - A pregnancy test and an X-ray on the date of the pregnancy test or 6 days after the pregnancy test.

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