

Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)

*This measure is to be reported once for **each occurrence** of upper respiratory infection during the reporting period for all patients aged 3 months–18 years.*

Measure description

Percentage of children aged 3 months–18 years with a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) who were not dispensed an antibiotic prescription on or 3 days after the episode date

What will you need to report for each occurrence of upper respiratory infection for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:

- Whether or not you prescribed or dispensed an antibiotic on or three days after the episode date¹

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is appropriate to prescribe an antibiotic, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, antibiotic is indicated)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons.

¹This is an overuse measure. For performance, the numerator will be calculated as the difference between the number of patients in the denominator and patients for whom a CPT Category II code was reported for antibiotic prescribed or dispensed. A higher score indicates appropriate treatment of children with URI (ie, the proportion of children for whom antibiotics were *not* prescribed, or were prescribed for a documented medical reason).

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PQRI Data Collection Sheet

Patient's Name	Practice Medical Record Number (MRN)	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
National Provider Identifier (NPI)		Date of Service	

Clinical Information			Billing Information
Step 1 Is patient eligible for this measure?			
	Yes	No	Code Required on Claim Form
Patient is aged 3 months–18 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify date of birth on claim form.
Patient has a diagnosis of URI.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer to coding specifications document for list of applicable codes.
There is a CPT E/M Service Code for this visit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If No is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a CPT category II code.			
Step 2 Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure?			
Antibiotic	Yes	No	Code to be Reported on Line 24D of Paper Claim Form, if Yes (or Service Line 24 of Electronic Claim Form)
Not prescribed ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4124F
Prescribed for the following reason: • Medical (eg, antibiotic is indicated)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4124F–1P
Document reason here and in medical chart. _____ _____			If No is checked for all of the above, report 4120F (Antibiotic prescribed or dispensed.)

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Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has URI and an outpatient visit occurred:

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for URI and a CPT E/M service code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

URI ICD-9 diagnosis codes

- 460 (acute nasopharyngitis),
- 465.0 (acute laryngopharyngitis),
- 465.8 (other multiple sites),
- 465.9 (unspecified site)

AND

CPT E/M service codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office — new patient),
- 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office — established patient),
- 99217 (hospital observation discharge services),
- 99218, 99219, 99220 (initial observation care),
- 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245 (outpatient consult),
- 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385 (preventive medicine services — new patient),
- 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395 (preventive medicine services — established patient),
- 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404 (preventive medicine services — individual counseling),
- 99411, 99412 (preventive medicine services — group counseling),
- 99420, 99429 (preventive medicine services — other),
- 99499 (other E/M service)

Quality codes for this measure (one of the following for every eligible patient):

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data Collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate combination of codes.)

- **CPT II 4124F:** Antibiotic neither prescribed nor dispensed
- **CPT II 4124F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for prescribing or dispensing antibiotic
- **CPT II 4120F:** Antibiotic prescribed or dispensed

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