

***Measure #58: Assessment of Mental Status for Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia**

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia with mental status assessed

INSTRUCTIONS:

This measure is to be reported once for each occurrence of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia during the reporting period. Each unique occurrence is defined as a 45-day period from onset of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia. Claims data will be analyzed to determine unique occurrences. All patients 18 years and older with a diagnosis of community acquired bacterial pneumonia should have documentation in the medical record of having mental status assessed. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide care in the emergency department or office setting will submit this measure. Clinicians utilizing the critical care code must indicate the emergency department place-of-service code in order to be counted in the measure's denominator.

This measure is reported using CPT Category II codes:

ICD-9 diagnosis codes, CPT E/M service codes, and patient demographics (age, gender, etc.) are used to identify patients who are included in the measure's denominator. CPT Category II codes are used to report the numerator of the measure.

When reporting the measure, submit the listed ICD-9 diagnosis codes, CPT E/M service codes, and the appropriate CPT Category II code OR the CPT Category II code with the modifier. The reporting modifier allowed for this measure is: 8P- reasons not otherwise specified. There are no allowable performance exclusions for this measure.

NUMERATOR:

Patients for whom mental status was assessed

Definition: Medical record may include documentation by clinician that patient's mental status was noted (e.g., patient is oriented or disoriented).

Numerator Coding:

Mental Status Assessed

CPT II 2014F: Mental status assessed

OR

Mental Status not Assessed, Reason not Specified

Append a reporting modifier (**8P**) to CPT Category II code **2014F** to report circumstances when the action described in the numerator is not performed and the reason is not otherwise specified.

- **8P:** Mental status not assessed, reason not otherwise specified

DENOMINATOR:

All patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia

Denominator Coding:

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for community-acquired bacterial pneumonia and a CPT E/M service code are required to identify patients for denominator inclusion.

ICD-9 diagnosis codes: 481, 482.0, 482.1, 482.2, 482.30, 482.31, 482.32, 482.39, 482.40, 482.41, 482.49, 482.81, 482.82, 482.83, 482.84, 482.89, 482.9, 483.0, 483.1, 483.8, 485, 486, 487.0

AND

CPT E/M service codes: 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285, 99291*

** Clinicians utilizing the critical care code must indicate the emergency department place-of-service (23) on the Part B claim form in order to report this measure.*

RATIONALE:

The assessment of mental status helps to assess the severity of the illness.

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

It is necessary to assess the severity of illness. This includes the radiographic findings (multilobar pneumonia or pleural effusion) and physical findings (respiratory rate, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, signs of dehydrations and mental status). (ATS) (Level II Evidence)