

## Tobacco Use: Intervention — Ambulatory Care Setting

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*This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 5 through 50 years with asthma — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 5 through 50 years with a diagnosis of asthma who were identified as tobacco users<sup>1</sup> (patients who currently use tobacco AND patients who do not currently use tobacco, but are exposed to secondhand smoke in their home environment) who received tobacco cessation intervention<sup>2</sup> within 12 months

### What will you need to report for each patient with asthma for this measure?

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

- Whether or not the patient smokes or is exposed to secondhand smoke

If the patient smokes or is exposed to secondhand smoke, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you performed a tobacco use cessation intervention<sup>2</sup> through counseling or pharmacologic therapy
- Practitioners providing tobacco cessation interventions to a pediatric patient's primary caregiver are still numerator complaint even if the primary caregiver is not the source of second hand smoke in the home.

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

Some measures provide an opportunity for the physician or eligible health professional to document when a process or outcome of care is not appropriate for a given patient (also called performance exclusions). Because this measure is applicable to most if not all patients, there are no allowable performance exclusions.

<sup>1</sup>For the purposes of this measure "tobacco users" include patients who currently smoke AND patients who do not currently smoke, but are exposed to second hand smoke in their home environment. "Tobacco non-users" refer to non-smokers (including smokeless tobacco users e.g. chew, snuff).

<sup>2</sup>For the purposes of this measure, "tobacco use cessation intervention" may include brief counseling (3 minutes or less) or pharmacotherapy.