

Vital Signs

*This measure is to be reported once for **each occurrence**¹ of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia during the reporting period for all patients aged 18 years and older. It is anticipated that clinicians who provide care in the emergency department or office setting will submit this measure.*

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia with vital signs² documented and reviewed³

What will you need to report for each occurrence of community-acquired bacterial pneumonia for this measure?

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

- Whether or not you documented and reviewed³ the vital signs²

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.

¹Each 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.

²Vital Signs — are defined as temperature, pulse, respiratory rate, and blood pressure

³Documented and reviewed — May include one of the following: clinician documentation that vital signs were reviewed, dictation by the clinician including vital signs, clinician initials in the chart that vital signs were reviewed, or other indication that vital signs had been acknowledged by the clinician.