

## Counseling Regarding Use of Contraception Prior to Antiviral Therapy

*This measure is to be reported for all female patients aged 18 through 44 years and all male patients aged 18 years and older with chronic hepatitis C — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

### Measure description

Percentage of female patients aged 18 through 44 years and all men aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who are receiving antiviral treatment who were counseled regarding contraception prior to initiation of treatment

### What will you need to report for each patient with chronic hepatitis C for this measure?

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

- Whether or not the patient is receiving antiviral treatment for hepatitis C

If the patient is receiving antiviral treatment for hepatitis C, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you counseled the patient regarding contraception prior to initiation of antiviral treatment

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to perform counseling regarding contraception, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, not indicated, contraindicated, other medical reason)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and 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 (also called exclusions).