Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Topical Therapy

Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has acute otitis externa (AOE) and a visit occurred:

An ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for AOE and a CPT code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

All measure specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

AOE ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

- 380.10, 380.11, 380.12, 380.13 (infective otitis externa)
- 380.22 (other otitis externa)

AND

CPT codes

- **99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205**
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215
- 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285

Quality codes for this measure:

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate code.)

- *CPT II 4130F*: Topical preparations (including OTC) prescribed for acute otitis externa
- *CPT II 4130F-1P:* Documentation of medical reason(s) (eg, coexisting acute otitis media, tympanic membrane perforation) for not prescribing topical preparations (including OTC) for acute otitis externa
- *CPT II 4130F-2P:* Documentation of patient reason(s) for not prescribing topical preparations (including OTC) for acute otitis externa (eg, patient declined, economic, social, religious, other patient reason)
- *CPT II 4130F-8P:* Topical preparations (including OTC) for acute otitis externa (AOE) not prescribed, reason not otherwise specified

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