

Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI): Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

*This measure is to be reported once for **each occurrence** of URI during the reporting period for all patients aged 3 months through 18 years.*

Measure description

Percentage of children aged 3 months through 18 years with a diagnosis of URI who were not prescribed or dispensed an antibiotic prescription on or within 3 days of the initial date of service

What will you need to report for each occurrence of URI for this measure?

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

- Whether or not you prescribed or dispensed an antibiotic on or within 3 days of the initial date of service¹

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

There may be times when it is appropriate to prescribe an antibiotic, due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, antibiotic is indicated)

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.

¹This is an overuse measure. For performance, the measure will be calculated as the number of patients for whom antibiotics were neither prescribed nor dispensed over the number of patients in the denominator (patients aged 3 months through 18 years with URI). A higher score indicates appropriate treatment of patients with URI (eg, the proportion for whom antibiotics *were not* prescribed or dispensed).