Antibiotic Treatment for Adults with Acute Bronchitis: Avoidance of Inappropriate Use

Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has acute bronchitis and a visit occurred:

A line item ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for acute bronchitis and a CPT E/M service code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

All measure-specific coding should be reported ON THE SAME CLAIM.

Acute bronchitis line item ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

■ 466.0 (acute bronchitis)

AND

CPT E/M service codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office new patient),
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office established patient),
- 99217 (hospital observation discharge services),
- 99218, 99219, 99220 (initial observation care),
- 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245 (outpatient consult),

Quality codes for this measure:

CPT II Code descriptors

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

- *CPT II 4124F*: Antibiotic neither prescribed nor dispensed
- *CPT II 4120F-1P*: Documentation of medical reason(s) for prescribing or dispensing antibiotic
- CPT II 4120F: Antibiotic prescribed or dispensed

NCQA Notice of Use. Broad public use and dissemination of these measures is encouraged and the measure developers have agreed with NQF that noncommercial uses do not require the consent of the measure developer. Use by health care providers in connection with their own practices is not commercial use. Commercial use of a measure does require the prior written consent of the measure developer. As used herein, a "commercial use" refers to any sale, license, or distribution of a measure for commercial gain, or incorporation of a measure into any product or service that is sold, licensed, or distributed for commercial gain, (even if there is no actual charge for inclusion of the measure.)

These performance measures were developed and are owned by the National Committee for Quality Assurance ("NCQA"). These performance measures are not clinical guidelines and do not establish a standard of medical care. NCQA makes no representations, warranties, or endorsement about the quality of any organization or physician that uses or reports performance measures and NCQA has no liability to anyone who relies on such measures. NCQA holds a copyright in this measure and can rescind or alter this measure at any time. Users of the measure shall not have the right to alter, enhance, or otherwise modify the measure and shall not disassemble, recompile, or reverse engineer the source code or object code relating to the measure. Anyone desiring to use or reproduce the measure without modification for a noncommercial purpose may do so without obtaining any approval from NCQA. All commercial uses must be approved by NCQA and are subject to a license at the discretion of NCQA.

© 2004 National Committee for Quality Assurance, all rights reserved.

Performance measures developed by NCQA for CMS may look different from the measures solely created and owned by NCQA.