

Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) Testing Before Initiating Treatment

Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has hepatitis C and a visit occurred:

A line item ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for hepatitis C 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.

Hepatitis C line item ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

- 070.54 (chronic hepatitis C without hepatic coma)

AND

CPT E/M service codes

- 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205 (office — new patient),
- 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215 (office — established patient),
- 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 or combination of codes.)

- **CPT II 4150F:** Patient receiving antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C
- **CPT II 4151F:** Patient not receiving antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C
- **CPT II 3218F:** RNA testing for Hepatitis C documented as performed within six months prior to initiation of antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C
- **CPT II 3218F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for not performing RNA testing within six months prior to initiation of antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C (eg, if patient is first seen by physician after initiation of treatment)
- **CPT II 3218F-8P:** RNA testing for Hepatitis C was not documented as performed within six months prior to initiation of antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C, reason not otherwise specified

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