Preventive Care and Screening

Pneumonia Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older

This measure is to be reported for all patients aged 65 years and older seen by the clinician — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.

Measure description

Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have ever received a pneumococcal vaccine.

What will you need to report for each patient aged 65 years and older for this measure?

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

■ Whether or not you administered or the patient previously received a pneumococcal vaccine

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to administer a pneumococcal vaccine, 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).