

### Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with a History of Sudden or Rapidly Progressive Hearing Loss

*This measure is to be reported for all patients, regardless of age, seen during the reporting period who present with sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss — a minimum of **once** per reporting period.*

#### Measure description

Percentage of patients aged birth and older referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation immediately following an audiologic evaluation that verifies and documents sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss

#### What will you need to report for each patient with sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss?

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

- Whether or not the patient has documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss.

If the patient has documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you referred the patient for an otologic evaluation.

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

There may be times when it is not appropriate to refer to a physician, due to:

- Documented reasons (eg, patients who are under current care of a physician for sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the documented reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report the G-code that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).