

This measures group is to be reported for patients aged 5 through 50 years and older with Asthma receiving an office or other outpatient services.

You will need to report G-Code G8645 once to indicate your intent to report on the Asthma Measures Group. Once you have reported the G-Code, you should begin reporting using one of the patient sample methods listed below.

The following 2011 Physician Quality Reporting System measures are included in the Asthma Measures Group:

#64. Asthma: Asthma Assessment

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 5 through 50 years with a diagnosis of asthma who were evaluated during at least one office visit within 12 months for the frequency (numeric) of daytime and nocturnal asthma symptoms

#53. Asthma: Pharmacologic Therapy

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 5 through 50 years with a diagnosis of mild, moderate, or severe persistent asthma who were prescribed either the preferred long-term control medication (inhaled corticosteroid) or an acceptable alternative treatment

#231. Asthma: Tobacco Use: Screening — Ambulatory Care Setting

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 5 through 50 years with a diagnosis of asthma who were queried about tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke in their home environment at least once within 12 months

#232. Asthma: Tobacco Use: Intervention — Ambulatory Care Setting

Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 5 through 50 years with a diagnosis of asthma who were identified as tobacco users (patients who currently use tobacco AND patients who do not currently use tobacco, but are exposed to second hand smoke in their home environment) who received tobacco cessation intervention within 12 months

This measures group can be reported by one of the following patient sample methods:

- **30 Patient Sample Method:** 30 unique Medicare Part B FFS (fee for service) patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group.
- **50% Patient Sample Method via Claims:** All patients meeting patient sample criteria for the measures group during the entire reporting period (January 1 through December 31, 2011 OR July 1 through December 31, 2011). For the 12-month reporting period, a minimum of 15 Medicare Part B FFS patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to report satisfactorily. For the 6-month reporting period, a minimum of 8 Medicare Part B FFS patients must meet the measures group patient sample criteria to report satisfactorily.

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