

Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP)

New for 2023

Updated

- Members who died during the measurement year is now a required exclusion



Yes!

Supplemental
Data Accepted

Definition

Percentage of episodes for members age 3 years and older where the member was diagnosed with pharyngitis, dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strep) test within 3 days prior to or 3 days after the diagnosis day (7 days total).

A higher rate indicates appropriate testing and treatment.

Plan(s) Affected	Quality Program(s) Affected	Collection and Reporting Method
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Exchange/Marketplace Medicaid Medicare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMS Quality Rating System NCQA Health Plan Ratings 	Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim/Encounter Data Pharmacy Data

Codes

The following codes can be used to close HEDIS® numerator gaps in care; they are not intended to be a directive of your billing practice.

Group A Strep Test	
CPT®/CPT II	87070, 87071, 87081, 87430, 87650, 87651, 87652, 87880
LOINC	11268-0, 17656-0, 17898-8, 18481-2, 31971-5, 49610-9, 5036-9, 60489-2, 626-2, 6557-3, 6558-1, 6559-9, 68954-7, 78012-2
SNOMED	122121004, 122205003, 122303007

Pharyngitis	
ICD-10 Diagnosis	J02.0, J02.8, J02.9, J03.00, J03.01, J03.80, J03.81, J03.90, J03.91
SNOMED	140004, 652005, 1532007, 2365002, 10351008, 11461005, 14465002, 17741008, 27878001, 31309002, 39271004, 40766000, 41582007, 43878008, 51209006, 55355000, 58031004, 59471009, 63866002, 72430001, 76651006, 78430008, 78911000, 82228008, 87326000, 90176007, 90979004, 95885008, 111816002, 126664009, 126665005, 164256007, 164260005, 186659004, 186963008, 195655000, 195656004, 195657008, 195658003, 195659006, 195660001, 195662009, 195663004, 195666007, 195667003, 195668008, 195669000, 195670004, 195671000, 195672007, 195673002, 195676005, 195677001, 195709006, 195779005, 195780008, 195782000, 195803003, 195804009, 195924009, 232399005, 232400003, 232401004, 232402006, 232403001, 232405008, 232406009, 232417005, 240444009, 240547000, 302911003, 312422001, 363746003, 405737000, 415724006, 703468005, 721586007, 878818001, 133171000119105, 10629231000119109, 10629271000119107

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Medications

The following antibiotic medications, in conjunction with a strep test, will meet compliance for this measure:

Drug Category	Medications
Aminopenicillins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amoxicillin • Ampicillin
Beta-lactamase inhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amoxicillin-clavulanate
First generation cephalosporins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefadroxil • Cefazolin • Cephalexin
Folate antagonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trimethoprim
Lincomycin derivatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clindamycin
Macrolides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azithromycin • Clarithromycin • Erythromycin
Natural penicillins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penicillin G potassium • Penicillin G sodium • Penicillin V potassium • Penicillin G benzathine
Quinolones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ciprofloxacin • Levofloxacin • Moxifloxacin • Ofloxacin
Second generation cephalosporins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefaclor • Cefprozil • Cefuroxime
Sulfonamides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim
Tetracyclines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxycycline • Minocycline • Tetracycline
Third generation cephalosporins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefdinir • Cefixime • Cefpodoxime • Ceftriaxone

(Medications continued)

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Required Exclusion(s)

Exclusion	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members in hospice or using hospice services Members who died 	- Any time during the measurement year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV Malignant Neoplasms Malignant Neoplasms of the Skin Emphysema COPD Disorders of the Immune System 	- 12 months prior to or on the episode date



Important Notes

This measure addresses appropriate diagnosis and treatment for pharyngitis with a strep test being completed three days before or three days after the primary diagnosis and prescribed antibiotics.

A pharyngitis diagnosis can be from an outpatient, telephone, e-visit, virtual check-in, observation or emergency department visit between July 1 of the year prior to the measurement year and June 30 of the measurement year.

Medical Record Detail Including, But Not Limited to

- History and physical
- Lab reports
- Progress notes

Tips and Best Practices to Help Close This Care Opportunity

- **Please check your Patient Care Opportunity Report (PCOR) often to see members with open care opportunities.** If you have questions, your UnitedHealthcare representative can help.
- Do not prescribe antibiotics until results of Group A Strep test are received.
- **Always bill using the LOINC codes previously listed with your strep test submission – not local codes.**
- Always use a point of care rapid Group A strep test or throat culture, when appropriate, to confirm diagnosis of pharyngitis before prescribing an antibiotic.
- Lab results can be accepted as supplemental data. Please contact your UnitedHealthcare representative to discuss clinical data exchange opportunities.