

Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (PCE) HEDIS Measure Quick Tip



Improving Quality Outcomes

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Measure Description

The percentage of COPD exacerbations for members 40 years of age and older who had an acute inpatient discharge or ED visit on or between January 1–November 30 of the measurement year and who were dispensed appropriate medications. **Two rates are reported:**

1. **Dispensed a Systemic Corticosteroid** (or there was evidence of an active prescription) within 14 days of the event.
2. **Dispensed a Bronchodilator** (or there was evidence of an active prescription) within 30 days of the event.

Note: The eligible population for this measure is based on acute inpatient discharges and ED visits, not on members. It is possible for the denominator to include multiple events for the same individual.

How to Improve HEDIS Scores

- Ensure patients are prescribed systemic corticosteroids within 14 days and bronchodilators within 30 days of the COPD exacerbation event (acute inpatient discharge or ED visit)
- Schedule a follow-up appointment after discharge is confirmed to confirm patient has received their prescription
- Perform medication reconciliation when you receive discharge summary to ensure consistency between inpatient and outpatient care
- Educate patients about their COPD, the importance of medication adherence, and how to recognize and manage exacerbation
- Utilize EHR systems to track medication, follow-up appointments, and vaccination status, ensuring data accuracy and efficiency

Medication Management

Systemic Corticosteroid	Bronchodilator	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cortisone • Dexamethasone • Hydrocortisone • Methylprednisolone • Prednisolone • Prednisone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acclidinium bromide • Ipratropium • Tiotropium • Umeclidinium • Albuterol • Arformoterol • Formoterol • Indacaterol • Levalbuterol • Metaproterenol • Olodaterol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmeterol • Albuterol-ipratropium • Budesonide-formoterol • Fluticasone-salmeterol • Fluticasone-vilanterol • Formoterol-aclidinium • Formoterol-glycopyrrolate • Formoterol-mometasone • Glycopyrrolate-indacaterol • Olodaterol-tiotropium • Umeclidinium-vilanterol • Fluticasone furoate-umeclidinium-vilanterol

Preferred Drug list (PDL) located on websites www.pshp.com | www.ambetterhealth.com | www.wellcare.com

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