

PATIENT POPULATION: Patients 3 months of age and older

NUMERATOR COMPLIANCE: Per HEDIS®¹, patients 3 months of age and older with a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) that **did not** result in an antibiotic dispensing event on or 3 days after the diagnosis

EXCLUSIONS

- » Comorbidities present at or within the 12 months prior to the encounter; including HIV, Malignant Neoplasms, Emphysema, COPD, Malignant Neoplasms of the Skin, and Disorders of the Immune System
- » Diagnosis of an infection for which an antibiotic prescription is appropriate – such as bacterial pharyngitis – on or within 3 days after the encounter
- » An antibiotic medication dispensed within the 30 days prior to the URI encounter
- » Encounters that result in an inpatient stay

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

This measure is not met if a prescription for an antibiotic is dispensed within 3 days of a diagnosis of Upper Respiratory Infection (URI) – barring any exclusions – and this data is captured via pharmacy claims.

COMMON DOCUMENTATION INSUFFICIENCIES

- » Failing to document comorbidities and/or competing diagnoses
- » These diagnoses/codes **do not** indicate necessity for antibiotic treatment:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
J00	Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)
J06.0	Acute laryngopharyngitis
J06.9	Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified

BEST PRACTICES

- 1 Review ACN Provider Portal for patients identified as non-compliant for this measure and provide education to clinicians as appropriate.
- 2 Educate patients and caregivers on appropriate antibiotic use and the risks of overuse (i.e., resistance to future bacterial strains), and instead recommend at-home treatments to help alleviate symptoms.
- 3 Our care coordination team can provide patients with individualized support. To refer a patient please contact us:

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