

CBE ID

0102

Title

COPD: inhaled bronchodilator therapy

Project

Pulmonary and Critical Care

Endorsement Status

Endorsement Removed

E&M Committee Rationale/Justification

Endorsed with Reserve Status removed.

Is Under Review

No

Previous Endorsement Cycle

Full Year 2015

Removal Date

Wed, 04/01/2026 - 16:47

Initial Endorsement

Sun, 08/09/2009 - 20:00

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1.1 Measure Structure

Single Measure

1.3 Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM)

No

1.6 Measure Description

Percentage of patients aged 18 years or older, with a diagnosis of COPD (FEV1/FVC < 70%) who have an FEV1 < 60% predicted and have symptoms who were prescribed an inhaled bronchodilator

1.7 Measure Type

Process

1.8 Level of Analysis

Clinician: Group/Practice

1.9 Care Setting

Outpatient Services

1.14 Numerator

Patients who were prescribed an inhaled bronchodilator

1.15 Denominator

All patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of COPD, who have FEV1/FVC < 70%, FEV1 < 60% predicted and have symptoms (eg, dyspnea, cough/sputum, wheezing)

1.20 Types of Data Sources

Claims Data, Registry data

6.1.2 Current or Planned Use(s)

Payment Program, Public Reporting, Quality Improvement (Internal to the specific organization)

6.1.3 Current Use(s)

Payment Program, Public Reporting

Exclusions

ATS continues to use the PCPI exception methodology that uses three categories of exception reasons for which a patient may be removed from the denominator of an individual measure: medical, patient and system reasons.

Exceptions are used to remove patients from the denominator of a performance measure when a patient does not receive a therapy or service AND that therapy or service would not be appropriate due to specific reasons; otherwise, the patient would meet the denominator criteria. Exceptions are not absolute, and the application of exceptions is based on clinical judgment, individual patient characteristics, or patient preferences. These measure exception categories are not uniformly relevant across all measures; for each measure, there must be a clear rationale to permit an exception for a medical, patient, or system reason. Examples are provided in the measure exception language of instances that may constitute an exception and are intended to serve as a guide to clinicians. For this measure, exceptions include medical reason(s), patient reason(s) or system reason(s) for not prescribing inhaled bronchodilators. Although this methodology does not require the external reporting of more detailed exception data, the ATS recommends that physicians document the specific reasons for exception in patients' medical records for purposes of optimal patient management and audit-readiness.

Planned Use

Quality Improvement (Internal to the specific organization)

Risk Adjustment

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

Target Population

Elderly

Use In Federal Program

Medicare Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)

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