HEDIS Tip Sheet – Pediatric Measures

Key HEDIS Factors to Consider
Rates are calculated based on specific date criteria for when the service is performed/administered, as defined by NCQA. Some childhood measures require the service to be completed ON or BEFORE the child's birthday/age.
- For example: Childhood Immunizations and Lead screening BY age 2, and Well Child visits in first 15 months.
HEDIS data is collected through claims (administrative data) or claims & medical record data (Hybrid data).
- For claim (admin) data, procedure codes must reflect the actual service performed, general E&M codes cannot be counted.
- For Well Child visits, the E&M codes for Preventive Visits will apply.

Access to Primary Care Practitioners:
- Age Group: 12months – 19 years
- Look back period: measurement year
- Requirements: had an outpatient visit with a PCP in the measurement year.

Annual Dental Visit:
- Age Group: 2-21 years
- Look back period: measurement year
- Requirements: One dental exam with a dental practitioner in the measurement year

Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis:
- Age Group: 2-18 years, diagnosed with pharyngitis.
- Look back period: July 1 of the year prior to June 30 of the measurement year (7/1/prior yr. – 6/30/measurement year).
- Requirements: dispensed an antibiotic and received a group A streptococcus (strept) test for the episode. Rapid strep test in the office are acceptable and should be billed.

Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection:
- Age Group: 3months – 18 years, diagnosed with Upper Respiratory Infection (URI).
- Look back period: July 1 of the year prior to June 30 of the measurement year (7/1/prior yr. – 6/30/measurement yr.).
- Requirements: members who were dispensed an antibiotic prescription. Ensure any secondary diagnoses indicating the need for an antibiotic are submitted on the claim.

Childhood Immunization Status:
- Age Group: Children who turn 2 years old in the measurement year
- Look back period: ends ON the child's 2nd birthday.
- Requirements: 4 Dtap, 3 IPV, 1 MMR, 3 HIB, 1 VZV, 4 PCV, 2 HepA, 2 or 3 RV, and 2 flu vaccines ON or BEFORE 2nd birthday
- Considerations: if 2yr Well visit is performed after the child's 2nd birthday, immunizations rendered at this visit will not be counted!

Follow up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication
- Age group: 6-12 years newly prescribed ADHD meds
- Requirements: Initiation phase: within 30days of meds dispensed. Continuation phase: 2 or more follow up visits within 10month period

Immunizations for Adolescents:
- Age Group: 13 years
- Look back period: measurement year
- Requirements: one dose of Meningococcal vaccine and one Tdap/Td by their 13th birthday; three doses of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) by their 13th birthday

Lead Screening:
- Age Group: children who turn 2 years old in the measurement year
- Look back period: ends ON child’s 2nd birthday.
- Requirements: at least one capillary or venous blood test ON or BEFORE child’s 2nd birthday. A lead screening completed in the practitioner office is also allowable.

Medication Management for People with Asthma:
- Age Group: 5 – 64 years, identified as having persistent asthma
- Look back period: measurement year and prior year
- Requirements: dispensed appropriate medications and remained on during treatment period within the past year.

Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition & Physical Activity:
- Age Group: 3-17 years as of 12/31
- Look back period: measurement year
- Requirements: an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN during measurement year
Medical records documentation must include BMI percentile; counseling for nutrition; counseling for physical activity. BMI measure evaluates whether BMI percentile is assessed rather than an absolute BMI value. The percentile ranking is based on CDC ‘BMI for age growth chart’.

Well Child Visits:
In first 15 months of life: children who turn 15months in the measurement year.
- Requirements: six or more well child visits (EPSDT) ON or BEFORE first 15months of life.

Ages 3- 6years & Adolescents ages 12-21 years:
- Requirements: at least one comprehensive well care visit (EPSDT) per year.
- Medical records documentation must include health history, physical development history, mental developmental history, physical exam, health education/anticipatory guidance; visits have to be with PCP, even though PCP does not have to be the practitioner assigned to the child. (Use age appropriate codes when submitting well child visits).

Use of Appropriate Meds for People with Asthma:
- Age Group: 5-64 years (as of 12/31) with persistent asthma
- Look back period: measurement year and prior year
- Requirements: appropriately prescribed medication during measurement year