

NCQA has developed multiple HEDIS® standards around respiratory conditions including asthma, upper respiratory infections, COPD, pharyngitis and bronchitis. Some of these respiratory illnesses are viral while others are bacterial. Your testing and treatment of these illnesses is vital to our success in meeting these metrics. McLaren Health Plan (MHP) recognizes your focus is to always provide high quality, appropriate health care and we appreciate your continued efforts. To assist your understanding of the quality measures surrounding certain respiratory illness, see the key respiratory related HEDIS measures with a brief description below:

**Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)  
(Children or Adult Ages 3 months and older)**

Expectation: Members with a diagnosis of URI (only) are **NOT** dispensed an antibiotic

**Current Rate: 89.70%**    2021: 86.88%    2020: 85.77%

**Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis  
(Children or Adult Ages 3 years and older)**

Expectation: Members with a diagnosis of Pharyngitis (only) who were dispensed an antibiotic received a strep test for the episode of care

**Current Rate: 73.11%**    2021: 76.36%    2020: 77.73%

**Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment for Acute Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis  
(Children or Adult Ages 3 months and older)**

Expectation: Members with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis (only) are **NOT** dispensed an antibiotic

**Current Rate: 48.90%**    2021: 50.05%    2020: 47.71%

Educate patients on comfort measures such as acetaminophen for fever, rest and extra fluids. Also provide education that antibiotics are not necessary for a viral infection. Ensure co-morbid diagnosis codes are billed when appropriate.

This is a brief summary of the expectations for these measures. More details can be found in our MHPProvider HEDIS manual which can be found at [www.mclarenhealthplan.org](http://www.mclarenhealthplan.org) . If you have questions or would like more information, please email us at [MHPOutreach@mclaren.org](mailto:MHPOutreach@mclaren.org).

Remember to also talk to your patients about tobacco cessation. MHP has a free tobacco cessation program for MHP Community and Medicaid members, call 800-784-8669 for more information.

**Thank you for the quality care you deliver!**

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