

FLORIDA HEALTH CARE PLANS

MEMORANDUM

To: All Primary Care Physicians, Practice Managers, Hospitalists
 From: Joseph J. Zuckerman M.D., CMO
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 Subject: Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD

This quality measure evaluates the use of appropriate medications dispensed when a member is discharged from an inpatient stay or ED visit for a COPD exacerbation. The requirements are that the patient is:

1. Dispensed a systemic corticosteroid within 14 days of the event **and**
2. Dispensed a bronchodilator within 30 days of the event.

Below is an update of our most recent HEDIS rates. Our goal is to achieve the 90th percentile.

Measure	HEDIS 2009 Percentiles						HEDIS 2010 Rates
	Mean	10th	25th	50th	75th	90th	
Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation							
Commercial							
Systemic Corticosteroid <i>within 14 days of event</i>	67.0	58.3	61.8	67.5	72.2	76.3	62.20
Bronchodilator <i>within 30 days of event</i>	76.1	65.3	71.8	76.5	81.6	84.8	71.95
Medicare							
Systemic Corticosteroid <i>within 14 days of event</i>	60.0	41.3	53.4	64.3	69.5	73.9	58.22
Bronchodilator <i>within 30 days of event</i>	74.1	59.8	68.4	77.1	82.1	86.3	71.92

We need your assistance in managing these medications in patients with a diagnosis of COPD after discharge from the hospital or the ED. Please ensure that the patients' have been started on a systemic corticosteroid or that they have a follow up visit scheduled with your office **within 14 days** for re-evaluation and continued medication management.

Attached is a list of systemic corticosteroids and bronchodilators on the FHCP formulary.

To view COPD Clinical Practice Guidelines go to http://www.fhcp.com/providers/policies/clinical_practice_guidelines.htm

For questions or assistance with this quality measure, please feel free to call Doris Unger, RN at 676-7169 or email to dunger@fhcp.com.

Thank you.

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PCE HEDIS 2011 Modified List = FHCP Formulary

Table PCE – C: Systemic Corticosteroids (modified table listing only those available on FHCP formulary per D. Fox 12/10/10. For complete list see HEDIS documentation)

Description	Prescription
Glucocorticoids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydrocortisone (Hydrocortone, Cortef) ● Methylprednisolone (Medrol, Medrol Dosepak, MethylPrednisolone Dose Pack) ● Prednisolone (<i>Bubbli-Pred, Flo-Pred, Hydeltrasol, Key-Pred SP, Millipred, Orapred, Orapred ODT, Pediapred, Pred-Ject-50, Predacort 50, Predalone 50, Predate-50, Veripred 20, Prelone, Hydeltra-T.B.A., Key-Pred, Cotelone, Depo-Predate (obsolete), Predicort-50, Predaject-50, Medicort, Predicort RP, Pri-Cortin 50, Predcor, Millipred DP)</i>) ● prednisone (Meticorten, Sterapred, Sterapred DS)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dexamethasone (Decadron)

Table PCE-D: Bronchodilators

Description	Prescription
Anticholinergic agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● albuterol-ipratropium (Combivent) ● ipratropium (Atrovent, Combivent, DuoNeb) ● tiotropium (Spiriva)
Beta 2-agonists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Albuterol (<i>Accuneb, ProAir HFA, Proventil, Proventil HFA, Ventolin HFA, Volmax, Vospire</i>) ● fluticasone-salmeterol (Advair Diskus) ● formoterol (Foradil Aerolizer) ● pirbuterol (Maxair Autohaler) ● salmeterol (Serevent Diskus) ● budesonide-formoterol (Symbicort)
Methylxanthines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● theophylline (Theo-Dur, Respbid, Slo-Bid, Theo-24, Theolair, Uniphyll, Slo-Phyllin)