



Premium Specialty: Allergy

Credentialed Specialties include: Allergy, Allergy and Immunology

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We evaluate quality using national standardized measures. The following chart lists the measures we use to evaluate physicians in the allergy Premium specialty by condition or procedure. These measures apply to our UnitedHealthcare commercial, UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage and UnitedHealthcare Plan patient populations, unless otherwise noted.

Please view the [Quality Evaluation Example](#) and [Attribution Methods](#) documents to learn more.

Condition/Procedure	Measure	Compliance Criteria	Measure Type	Attribution Method	Source
Acute Bronchitis	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis that did not have a prescription for an antibiotic on or three days after the initiating visit (commercial only)	Patient with acute bronchitis did not have an antibiotic medication dispensed on or within three days after the initiating visit	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Acute Sinusitis	Patient(s) treated with an antibiotic for acute sinusitis that received a first line antibiotic	The first antibiotic medication patient received for acute sinusitis was a first line antibiotic medication	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Synopsis
Asthma	Patient(s) that did not have an asthma related emergency department encounter in last 12 reported months	Patient did not have an asthma-related emergency department encounter	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Synopsis
Asthma Medication Ratio	Patient(s) between the ages of 5 - 11 with an asthma medication ratio ≥ 0.50 during the report period (commercial and Medicaid only)	Patient had an asthma medication ratio ≥ 0.50	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Asthma Medication Ratio	Patient(s) between the ages of 12 - 18 with an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50 during the report period (commercial and Medicaid only)	Patient had an asthma medication ratio >= 0.51	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) between the ages of 19 - 50 with an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50 during the report period	Patient had an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) between the ages of 51 - 64 with an asthma medication ratio >= 0.50 during the report period	Patient had an asthma medication ratio >= 0.51	Chronic Disease Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Cardiac imaging for Preoperative Risk Assessment for Non-Cardiac; Low-Risk Surgery	Patients of low-risk who did not receive cardiac imaging 30 days prior to a non-cardiac, low-risk surgery	Patient of low-risk did not have cardiac imaging 30 days prior to a non-cardiac, low-risk surgery	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines	Patient(s) with concurrent use of prescription opioids and benzodiazepines	Patient did not have prescription opioid and benzodiazepine medications concurrently dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or Pharmacy Quality Alliance
Head Imaging for Uncomplicated Headache	Patient(s) with a headache that had a head imaging test	Patient with a headache did not have a head imaging test	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Synopsis
Medication Management for People with Asthma	Patient(s) 5 - 11 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%) (commercial and Medicaid only)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 12 - 18 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%) (commercial and Medicaid only)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Medication Management for People with Asthma (continued)	Patient(s) 19 - 50 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 51 - 64 years of age compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication (minimum compliance 75%)	Patient was 75% or more compliant with prescribed asthma controller medication	Patient Safety Care	Patient	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Medication Safety Monitoring	Elderly patient(s) with dementia who took an antipsychotic, benzodiazepine, tricyclic antidepressant, H2 receptor antagonist, nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic or anticholinergic agent after the earliest record of dementia (Medicare only)	Patient with dementia did not have an antipsychotic, benzodiazepine, tricyclic antidepressant, H2 receptor antagonist, nonbenzodiazepine hypnotic or anticholinergic agent dispensed after the earliest record of dementia	Patient Safety Care	Patient and Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Upper Respiratory Infection	Patient(s) with a diagnosis of upper respiratory infection (URI) that did not have a prescription for an antibiotic on or three days after the initiating visit (commercial and Medicaid only)	Patient with upper respiratory infection (URI) did not have an antibiotic medication dispensed on or within three days after the initiating visit	Acute Condition Care	Rendering	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Use of Contrast Material in CT	Patient(s) with a thorax CT test performed that had "combined studies" (with and without contrast material) (commercial only)	Patient did not have a thorax CT test using combined studies (with and without contrast material)	Diagnostic Care	Ordering	Contact Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or National Quality Forum
Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly	Patients 66 years of age and older who did not receive one or more high-risk medications in the elderly in the last 12 reported months (HEDIS criteria)	Patient did not have a high-risk medication dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Patient and Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance
Use of High-Risk Medications in the Elderly (continued)	Patient(s) 66 years of age and older who did not receive two or more of the same high-risk medication in the last 12 reported months	Patient did not have two or more of the same high-risk medications dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Patient and Prescribing	Contact National Quality Forum or National Committee for Quality Assurance

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Use of Opioid Medications	Patient(s) 18 years and older who did not have an average morphine equivalent dose (MME) > 120 mg/day during the treatment period	Patient did not have an average morphine equivalent dose greater than 120 mg/day	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) 18 years of age or older who did not fill opioid prescriptions from four or more different prescribers	Patient did not have opioid medications from four or more different prescribers dispensed	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naïve and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naïve and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation (commercial and Medicare only)	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 15 or more days during the first 30 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 18 - 64 years who were opioid-naïve and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance
	Patient(s) age 65 years and older who were opioid-naïve and were not prescribed access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation.	Patient did not have access to opioid medication for 31 or more days during the first 62 days following first opioid treatment initiation	Patient Safety Care	Prescribing	Contact National Committee for Quality Assurance

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