

Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals With Schizophrenia (SAA)

Description of Measure

The percentage of members 18 years of age and older during the measurement year with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder who were dispensed and remained on an antipsychotic medication for at least 80% of their treatment period.

Numerator Compliance

Members who achieved a PDC (Portion of days covered) of at least 80% for their antipsychotic medications during the measurement year.

Identify members with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder as those who met at least one of the following criteria during the measurement year:

- At least one acute inpatient encounter with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
- At least two visits in an outpatient, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, ED or nonacute inpatient setting, on different dates of service, with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Two of any of the following meets criteria:
 - An outpatient visit with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
 - An intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
 - A community mental health center visit with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
 - Electroconvulsive therapy.
 - An ED visit with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
 - A nonacute inpatient encounter with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
 - A telephone visit with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.
 - An e-visit or virtual check-in with any diagnosis of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.

Oral Antipsychotic Medications

Description	Prescription
Miscellaneous antipsychotic agents (oral)	Aripiprazole
	Asenapine
	Brexiprazole
	Cariprazine



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Description	Prescription
Miscellaneous antipsychotic agents (oral)	Clozapine
	Haloperidol
	Iloperidone
	Loxapine
	Lumateperone
	Lurasidone
	Molindone
	Olanzapine
	Paliperidone
	Quetiapine
	Risperidone
	Ziprasidone
Phenothiazine antipsychotics (oral)	Chlorpromazine
	Fluphenazine
	Perphenazine
	Prochlorperazine
	Thioridazine
	Trifluoperazine
Psychotherapeutic combinations (oral)	Amitriptyline-perphenazine
Thioxanthenes (oral)	Thiothixene

Long-Acting Injections

Description	Prescription
Long-acting injections 14 days supply	Risperidone (excluding Perseris®)
Long-acting injections 28 days supply	Aripiprazole Aripiprazole lauroxil Fluphenazine decanoate Haloperidol decanoate Olanzapine
Long-acting injections 30 days supply	Risperidone (Perseris®)
Long-acting injections 35 days supply	Paliperidone palmitate (Invega Sustenna)
Long-acting injections 104 days supply	Paliperidone palmitate (Invega Trinza)
Long-acting injections 201 days supply	Paliperidone palmitate (Invega Hafyera)

Codes	Descriptions
ICD10: F20.0 - F20.3, F20.5, F20.81, F20.89, F20.9, F25.0, F25.1, F25.8, F25.9	Schizophrenia
CPT: 90791, 90792, 90832-90834, 90836-90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875, 90876, 99221-99223, 99231-99233, 99238, 99239, 99252-99255 with POS: 21, 51	Acute Inpatient Stay with Schizophrenia diagnosis
CPT: Visit Setting Unspecified: 90791, 90792, 90832-90834, 90836-90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875, 90876, 99221-99223, 99231-99233, 99238, 99239, 99252-99255 with POS: 03, 05, 07, 09, 11-20, 22, 33, 49, 50, 71, 72	Outpatient Visit with Schizophrenia diagnosis

Codes	Descriptions
CPT: 98000 – 98007, 98960 – 98962, 99078, 99202 – 99205, 99211 – 99215, 99242 – 99245, 99341, 99342, 99344, 99345, 99347 -99350, 99381 – 99387, 99391 – 99397, 99401 – 99404, 99411, 99412, 99483, 99492 – 99494, 99510 HCPCS: G0155, G0176, G0177, G0409, G0463, G0512, G0560, H0002, H0004, H0031, H0034, H0036, H0037, H0039, H0040, H2000, H2010, H2011, H2013 - H2020, T1015	BH Outpatient Visit with Schizophrenia diagnosis
HCPCS: G0410, G0411, H0035, H2001, H2012, S0201, S9480, S9484, S9485	Partial Hospitalization or Intensive Outpatient
CPT: Visit Setting Unspecified: 90791-90792, 90832-90834, 90836-90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875-90876, 99221-99223, 99231-99233, 99238-39, 99252-99255 with POS: 53	Community Mental Health Center Visit
CPT: 90870 ICD-10: GZB0ZZZ-GZB4ZZZ	Electroconvulsive Therapy
CPT: 99281-99285	ED Visit
CPT: Visit Setting Unspecified: 90791-90792, 90832-90834, 90836-90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875-90876, 99221-99223, 99231-99233, 99238-99239, 99252-99255 with Telehealth POS: 02, 10	Telehealth Visit
CPT: 98008 – 98015, 98966 – 98968, 99441 - 99443	Telephone Visits
CPT: 98970-98972, 98980, 98981, 99421-99423, 99457, 99458 HCPCS: G0071, G2010, G2012, G2250-G2252	Online Assessments
HCPCS: J2794	Long-acting Injections 14-day Supply
HCPCS: J0401, J1631, J1943, J1944, J2358, J2426, J2680	Long-acting Injections 28-day Supply
HCPCS: J2798	Long-acting Injections 30-day Supply

Exclusions

Exclusions	Time limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A diagnosis of dementia (Dementia Value Set). Do not include laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81). 	Any time during measurement year (MY)



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Exclusions	Time limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Did not have at least two antipsychotic medication dispensing events. There are two ways to identify dispensing events: by claim/encounter data and by pharmacy data. The organization must use both methods to identify dispensing events, but an event need only be identified by one method to be counted. ■ Claim/encounter data. An antipsychotic medication (HCPCS code J2794; HCPCS code J2798; Long Acting Injections 14 Days Supply Value Set; Long Acting Injections 28 Days Supply Value Set). ■ Pharmacy data. Dispensed an antipsychotic medication. Use all the medication lists in the Oral Antipsychotic Medications and Long-Acting Injections tables below to identify antipsychotic medication dispensing events. ■ A diagnosis of dementia (Dementia Value Set). Do not include laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81). ■ Did not have at least two antipsychotic medication dispensing events. There are two ways to identify dispensing events: by claim/encounter data and by pharmacy data. The organization must use both methods to identify dispensing events, but an event need only be identified by one method to be counted. ■ Claim/encounter data. An antipsychotic medication (HCPCS code J2794; HCPCS code J2798; Long Acting Injections 14 Days Supply Value Set; Long Acting Injections 28 Days Supply Value Set). ■ Pharmacy data. Dispensed an antipsychotic medication. Use all the medication lists in the Oral Antipsychotic Medications and Long-Acting Injections tables below to identify antipsychotic medication dispensing events. ■ Members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice ■ Members who die any time during the measurement year. ■ Medicare members 66 years of age and older as of December 31 of the measurement year who meet either of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrolled in an Institutional SNP (I-SNP) any time during the measurement year. - Living long-term in an institution any time during the measurement year as identified by the LTI flag in the Monthly Membership Detail Data File. Use the run date of the file to determine if a member had an LTI flag during the measurement year. 	<p>Any time during measurement year (MY)</p>



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Exclusions	Time limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members 66–80 years of age as of December 31 of the measurement year (all product lines) with frailty and advanced illness. Members must meet both frailty and advanced illness criteria to be excluded: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frailty. At least two indications of frailty (Frailty Device Value Set; Frailty Diagnosis Value Set; Frailty Encounter Value Set; Frailty Symptom Value Set) with different dates of service during the measurement year. Do not include laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81). 2. Advanced Illness. Either of the following during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advanced illness (Advanced Illness Value Set) on at least two different dates of service. Do not include laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81). - Dispensed dementia medication (Dementia Medications List). Members 81 years of age and older as of December 31 of the measurement year (all product lines) with at least two indications of frailty, with different dates of service during the measurement year. Do not include laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81). 	Any time during measurement year (MY)

Dementia Medications (For Exclusions)

Prescription	Description
Donepezil, Galantamine, Rivastigmine	Cholinesterase Inhibitors
Memantine	Miscellaneous Central Nervous System Agents
Donepezil-memantine	Dementia Combinations

Dementia Medications (For Exclusions)

Code	Definition
CPT: 99377, 99378	Hospice Care
HCPCS: G0182, G9473 - G9479, Q5003 - Q5008, Q5010, S9126, T2042 - T2046	

Strategies for Success

- Follow up with phone calls to help ensure adherence and to re-evaluate the patient's understanding.
- Reach out to patients that do not keep follow-up appointments and set flags, if available in EHR, or develop tracking method for patients due or past due for follow-up visits and require staff to follow up with patients that miss or cancel their appointment
- Encourage collaboration of caregiver/support system. Discuss with your member/caregiver importance of monitoring their emotional well-being and following up with their BH provider



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- Consider Long-acting Injectable medications for eligible patients with a history medication non-adherence.
- Engage in shared decision making with the patient to ensure they are at the center of care. Before prescribing an antipsychotic medication, assess the patient's treatment and medication history
- Consider prescribing a 90-day supply with refills if appropriate for progress towards goal.
- Encourage patients to ask a community pharmacist for questions about their antipsychotic medication. Pharmacists can help patients set up automatic refills and/or delivery or medication synchronization services.
- *ARHOME members can earn Blue Wellness Rewards by using tools to help remember to take mental health medications (antidepressants and antipsychotics). Visit BlueWellnessRewards.Healthmine.com and register or login or call **800-800-4298** to sign up with a customer service representative to see what rewards are recommended.

Resources

- I. National Committee for Quality Assurance, HEDIS® Measurement Year 2025 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans