

Asthma in Younger Adults Admission Rate- PQI 15

Description of Measure

Hospitalizations with a principal diagnosis of asthma per 100,000 beneficiary months for beneficiaries ages 18 to 39.

Note: A lower rate indicates better performance.

Numerator Compliance

All inpatient hospital discharges for beneficiaries ages 18 to 39 with an ICD-10-CM principal diagnosis code of asthma.

Exclusions

Exclusions	Time limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transfer from a hospital (different facility), a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), hospice facility, or another health care facilityDischarges with an ungroupable DRG (DRG = 999)Discharges with missing age (AGE = missing), year (YEAR = missing), or principal diagnosis (DX1 = missing)Cases with any listed ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes for cystic fibrosis and anomalies of the respiratory system	Any time during measurement year (MY)

Strategies for Success

- Assess for appropriate asthma chronic condition management, including the use of controller and rescue inhalers, and schedule a follow up visit.
- Arkansas Blue Cross case management is available for assistance and education between visits. Patients may call **800-225-1891**.

Resources

- Core Set of Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid (Adult Core Set)** -Technical Specifications and Resource Manual for 2025 Core Set Reporting



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