

2018 Clinical quality corner



One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

Chlamydia screening in women

This measure examines the percentage of women ages 16 to 24 who were identified as being sexually active and who have had at least one test for chlamydia during the current year.

Improving HEDIS scores

- **Obtain** a sexual history of all teens and remember that many adolescents will speak more freely without a parent or guardian in the room.
- **Use** any visit as an opportunity to screen female patients who may be sexually active.
- **Screen** for chlamydia annually. You can screen for chlamydia using a urine sample or direct sample (usually from the cervix).
- **Educate** young women that infection is often asymptomatic. Untreated chlamydia can result in infertility, ectopic pregnancy, passing the infection to your baby during pregnancy and infecting your partner(s).
- **Keep in mind** that antibiotics cure chlamydia.

Billing codes

Common laboratory billing codes accepted by HEDIS include these CPT codes:

*87110	*87491
*87270	*87492
*87320	*87810
*87490	

Tip:

When taking a sexual history:

- Set expectations for the visit, including private time with the teen.
- Reinforce confidentiality with the teen within state requirements.
- Avoid making assumptions or being judgmental.

This measure applies to commercial members only.

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