



Antimicrobial Stewardship Quality Measures for Healthcare Professionals in Select Outpatient Settings

What Quality Measures Are Available for Outpatient Stewardship Programs?

- Health Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures
- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) measures
 - Eligible clinicians only

In What Settings Are These Measures Applicable?

- Emergency departments
- Family practice clinics
- Urgent care clinics
- Pediatric clinics

What Are HEDIS Measures and Which Ones Apply to Stewardship?

- HEDIS measures are a tool used by >90% of US health plans to measure quality performance across different domains of care
- These data are publicly available and listed by medical group, county, & accountable communities of health
- HEDIS measures that apply to stewardship are:
 - Avoidance of Antibiotics for Acute Bronchitis (AAB)
 - Retired in 2022
 - Antibiotic Utilization for Acute Respiratory Conditions (AXR)
 - Replacing AAB in 2022
 - Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)
 - Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis (CWP)
- For more information about HEDIS, check with your clinic leadership
- To view HEDIS measure scores in Washington State, visit [WA Community Checkup](#) and select the measures listed above. Data shown for a year reflects practices from 2 years earlier.

What is MIPS and How Does It Apply to Stewardship?

- MIPS is a quality payment program that rewards eligible clinicians for providing high quality care to their patients by providing higher reimbursement for Medicare Part-B covered professional services.
 - For more information about how MIPS works and who is eligible, check with your clinic or facility leadership.

- The MIPS scoring system consists of 4 categories: Quality, Cost, Improvement Activities, and Promoting Interoperability.
- Antimicrobial stewardship measures are listed under the “Quality” and “Improvement Activities” categories and in the tables below.
 - Find more detailed information about MIPS here: [Explore Measures & Activities \(CMS\)](#).

2023 MIPS Improvement Activities:

Activity Name	Activity ID	Subcategory Name	Activity Weighting
Implementation of an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program	IA_PSPA_15	Patient Safety and Practice Assessment	Medium
Completion of CDC training on antibiotic stewardship	IA_PSPA_23	Patient Safety and Practice Assessment	High

2023 MIPS Quality Measures:

Measure Name	Quality #	Measure Type	High Priority Measure?
Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)	065	Process	Yes
Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis	066	Process	Yes
Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy – Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	093	Process	Yes
Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment for Acute Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis	116	Process	Yes
Adult Sinusitis: Antibiotic Prescribed for Acute Viral Sinusitis (Overuse)	331	Process	Yes
Adult Sinusitis: Appropriate Choice of Antibiotic: Amoxicillin With or Without Clavulanate Prescribed for Patients with Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (Appropriate Use)	332	Process	Yes
Otitis Media with Effusion: Systemic Antimicrobials - Avoidance of Inappropriate Use	464	Process	Yes

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