

HEDIS HINTS – SAA

- Adherence to Antipsychotic Medication for Individuals with Schizophrenia (SAA)

What is the Measure?

The percentage of member’s ages 19-64 during the measurement year with schizophrenia who were dispensed and remained on an antipsychotic medication for at least 80% of their treatment period.

Why are these measures important?

Members who have been diagnosed with schizophrenia, as with other severe mental illnesses, are at risk for significant health and social problems, particularly when they are non-compliant with their antipsychotic medications. Research has indicated that it is common for these individuals to discontinue their medications at some point during their treatment, which can lead to an exacerbation in debilitating symptoms.

How can I improve my HEDIS scores?

- Educate on importance of medication adherence and common side effects.
- Schedule follow-up visits before member leaves health provider office.
- Obtain updated contact information on member to outreach accordingly.
- Outreach to patients that cancel appointments and reschedule as soon as possible.
- Use appropriate documentation and correct coding.
- Maintain appointment availability for patients with recent hospital admissions.
- Explore outpatient support settings or individuals to assist member with medication adherence / or administration.
- Work collaboratively with the health plan case management team to assist members with social determinants of care needs, case management and / or transition of care follow-up.

Oral Antipsychotic Medications		
Miscellaneous Antipsychotic Agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aripiprazole • Clozapine • Haloperidol • Iloperidone • Loxapine • Lurasidone • Molindone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine • Paliperidone • Pimozide • Quetiapine • Quetiapine Fumarate • Risperidone • Ziprasidone
Long-Acting Injections		
28 Days Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aripiprazole • Fluphenazine Decanote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine • Paliperidone Palmitate • Haloperidol Decanote
14 Days Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risperidone 	

Antipsychotic Medication Adherence	
Schizophrenia	ICD 10: F20.0-F20.3, F20.5, F20.81, F20.89, F20.9, F25.0, F25.1, F25.8, F25.9
Long-Acting Injections 14 day supply	HCPCS: J2794
Long-Acting Injections 28 days supply	HPPCS: J0401, J1631, J2358, J2426, J2680

Reference: National committee for Quality Assurance. (2018). HEDIS 2019 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans Washington, DC 20005: American Medical Association. Pg. 198-201.