

COPD or Asthma in Older Adults Admission Rate - PQI 05

Description of Measure

Hospitalizations with a principal diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or asthma per 100,000 beneficiary months for beneficiaries age 40 and older.

Note: A lower rate indicates better performance.

Numerator Compliance

All inpatient hospital discharges for beneficiaries age 40 and older with an ICD-10-CM principal diagnosis code for:

- COPD (excluding acute bronchitis)
- Asthma

Exclusions

Exclusions	Time limit
■ Transfer from a hospital (different facility), a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Intermediate Care Facility (ICF), hospice facility, or another health care facility ■ Discharges 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 COPD and/or 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 to patients for assistance and education between visits by calling **800-225-1891**.

Resources

- I. **Core Set of Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid (Adult Core Set)** -Technical Specifications and Resource Manual for 2026 Core Set Reporting



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