

Proposed Changes to Existing Measure for HEDIS 2011: Ambulatory Care (AMB)

NCQA seeks comments on proposed modifications to the *Ambulatory Care* measure. The measure summarizes the utilization of ambulatory care in the following categories:

- Outpatient Visits
- ED Visits
- Ambulatory Surgery/Procedures
- Observation Room Stays.

We propose removing the following categories from the measure for reporting:

- Ambulatory Surgery/Procedures
- Observation Room Stays.

Key input from stakeholders indicated that the components we propose for removal are not useful, but stakeholders reported that the Outpatient Visits and ED Visits categories are useful and consistently used, allowing plan-to-plan comparison.

Draft measure specifications showing the proposed changes are provided.

NCQA thanks and acknowledges the contributions of the Efficiency Measurement Advisory Panel and the Utilization Measurement Technical Subgroup.

Ambulatory Care (AMB)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO HEDIS 2011

- ~~Removed ambulatory surgeries and procedures and observation room stays categories~~

Description

This measure summarizes utilization of ambulatory care in the following categories.

- Outpatient Visits
- ED Visits
- Ambulatory Surgery/Procedures
- Observation Room Stays

Calculations

Product lines

Report the following tables for each applicable product line.

- Table AMB-1a Total Medicaid
- Table AMB-1b Medicaid/Medicare Dual-Eligibles
- Table AMB-1c Medicaid—Disabled
- Table AMB-1d Medicaid—Other Low Income
- Table AMB-2 Commercial—by Product or Combined HMO/POS
- Table AMB-3 Medicare

Member months

For each product line and table, report all member months for the measurement year. IDSS automatically produces member years data for the commercial and Medicare product lines. Refer to *Specific Instructions for Use of Services Tables* for more information.

Counting multiple services

~~For ambulatory surgery/procedures that occur on the same date of service as an ED visit, report as a single ED visit.~~

~~For Observation Room visits that occur on the same date of service as an ambulatory surgery/procedure, report as a single ambulatory surgery/procedure.~~

~~For Observation Room visits that occur on the same date of service as an ED visit, report as a single ED visit.~~

For ~~all other~~ combinations of multiple ambulatory services falling in different categories on the same day, report each service that meets the criteria in the appropriate category.

Outpatient visits

Use Table AMB-A to identify outpatient visits. Count each occurrence of the CPT codes listed in Table AMB-A if rendered by different practitioners (a CPT code may count more than once on the same date of service if rendered by different practitioners).

Report services without regard to practitioner type, training or licensing. Include office-based surgical procedures (use the Ambulatory Surgery/Procedures codes in Table AMB-C and include surgeries conducted at the practitioner's office).

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Table AMB-A: Codes to Identify Outpatient Visits

Description	CPT	UB Revenue
Office or other outpatient visits	99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245	051x, 052x, 0982, 0983
Home visits	99341-99345, 99347-99350	
Nursing facility care	99304-99310, 99315, 99316, 99318	
Domiciliary or rest home care	99324-99328, 99334-99337	
Preventive medicine	99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404, 99411, 99412, 99420, 99429	
Newborn care	99432, 99461	
Ophthalmology and optometry	92002, 92004, 92012, 92014	

ED visits Use Table AMB-B to identify ED visits. Count once each visit to an ED that does not result in an inpatient stay, regardless of the intensity or duration of the visit. Count multiple ED visits on the same date of service as one visit.

Table AMB-B: Codes to Identify ED Visits

CPT	UB Revenue
99281-99285	045x, 0981

OR

CPT	WITH	POS
10040-69979		23

Exclusions (required)

- The measure does not include mental health or chemical dependency services. Exclude from all categories claims and encounters that contain any code in Table AMB-E.

Table AMB-E: Codes to Identify Exclusions

CPT	Principal ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	ICD-9-CM Procedure
90801-90899	290-316	94.26, 94.27, 94.6
Principal ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	WITH	Secondary ICD-9-CM Diagnosis
960-979		291-292, 303-305

Note

- This measure provides a reasonable proxy for professional ambulatory encounters. It is neither a strict accounting of all ambulatory resources nor an effort to be all-inclusive.

Table AMB-C: Codes to Identify Ambulatory Surgery/Procedures

Option A

CPT	WITH	POS
All codes included in the CMS 2009 ASC Approved HCPCS Codes and Payment Rates file* and 92953, 92970, 92971, 92975, 92980, 92982, 92986, 92990, 92992, 92993, 92995, 92996, 93501-93533, 93600-93652	WITH	22, 24

Option B

ICD-9-CM Procedure	WITH	UB Revenue	WITH	UB Type of Bill
01.86, 88.4, 88.5, 98.5	WITH	0320, 0321, 0323, 036x, 0480, 0481, 049x, 075x, 079x	WITH	13x, 83x

*The CMS 2009 ASC Approved HCPCS Codes and Payment Rates files are available on the CMS Web site (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ASCPayment/>) under the *Addenda Updates* section. Use the file that was valid at the end of the measurement year.

Observation Room stays Use Table AMB-D to identify Observation Room stays.

Count once, each observation visit that does not result in an inpatient stay, regardless of the intensity or duration of the visit. Count multiple observation visits on the same date of service as one visit.

Table AMB-D: Codes to Identify Observation Room Stays

CPT	UB Revenue
99217-99220	0762

Table AMB-1: Ambulatory Care

Age	Member Months
<1	_____
1-9	_____
10-19	_____
20-44	_____
45-64	_____
65-74	_____
75-84	_____
85+	_____
Unknown	_____
Total:	_____

Age	Outpatient Visits		ED Visits	
	Visits	Visits/1,000 Member Months	Visits	Visits/1,000 Member Months
<1	_____	_____	_____	_____
1-9	_____	_____	_____	_____
10-19	_____	_____	_____	_____
20-44	_____	_____	_____	_____
45-64	_____	_____	_____	_____
65-74	_____	_____	_____	_____
75-84	_____	_____	_____	_____
85+	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unknown	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Table AMB-2/3: Ambulatory Care

Age	Member Months
<1	_____
1-9	_____
10-19	_____
20-44	_____
45-64	_____
65-74	_____
75-84	_____
85+	_____
Unknown	_____
Total:	_____

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10-19	_____	_____	_____	_____
20-44	_____	_____	_____	_____
45-64	_____	_____	_____	_____
65-74	_____	_____	_____	_____
75-84	_____	_____	_____	_____
85+	_____	_____	_____	_____
Unknown	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	_____	_____	_____	_____