



National Collaborative for Innovation in Quality Measurement

Use of Antipsychotics in Very Young Children

Administrative Specification

Measure Description

The percentage of children 1 to 5 years of age who are on one or more antipsychotic medications during the measurement year.

Note: While a rate of zero is not expected for this measure, a lower rate indicates better performance.

Eligible Population

Ages 1 to 5 years by December 31 of the measurement year. Report three age stratifications and a total rate.

- Less than 2 years
- 2-3 years
- 4-5 years
- Total

The total is the sum of the age stratifications.

Continuous Enrollment 30 days or more.

Allowable Gap None.

Benefits Medical and Pharmacy.

Event/ diagnosis None.

Exclusions None.

Numerator

One or more prescriptions for an antipsychotic medication in Table 1 during the measurement year.

Table 1. Antipsychotic Medications

Description	Prescription
First Generation Antipsychotic Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chlorpromazine hcl • Fluphenazine hcl • Fluphenazine decanoate • Fluphenazine enanthate • Haloperidol • Haloperidol decanoate • Haloperidol lactate • Loxapine hcl • Loxapine succinate • Molindone hcl • Perphenazine • Pimozide • Promazine hcl • Thioridazine hcl • Thiothixene • Thiothixene hcl • Trifluoperazine hcl • Triflupromazine hcl
Second Generation Antipsychotic Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aripiprazole • Clozapine • Iloperidone • Olanzapine • Olanzapine pamoate • Paliperidone • Paliperidone palmitate • Quetiapine fumarate • Risperidone • Risperidone microspheres • Ziprasidone hcl • Ziprasidone mesylate
Combinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine-fluoxetine hcl (Symbyax) • Perphenazine-amitriptyline hcl (Etrafon, Triavil [various])