

NOTES FOR PHYSICIANS

HEDIS

Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis

Definition:

- The percentage of members who were diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and who were dispensed at least 1 ambulatory prescription for a disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD).

Requirements:

- The following codes are those that identify rheumatoid arthritis for this HEDIS measure either an outpatient visit with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis or a non-acute inpatient discharge with any diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis.

Codes to Identify Rheumatoid Arthritis

Description	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis
Rheumatoid arthritis	714.0, 714.1, 714.2, 714.81

Codes to Identify Visit Type

Description	CPT	UB Revenue
Outpatient	99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99384-99387, 99394-99397, 99401-99404, 99411, 99412, 99420, 99429, 99455, 99456	051x, 0520-0523, 0526-0529, 057x-059x, 0982, 0983

- To be compliant with this HEDIS measure, members must have had at least 1 ambulatory prescription dispensed for a DMARD during the year. The following Table provides the medications (DMARDs) and codes acceptable for this measure.

DMARDs

Description	Prescription	J Codes
5-Aminosalicylates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sulfasalazine 	
Alkylating agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclophosphamide 	
Aminoquinolines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydroxychloroquine 	

Anti-rheumatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auranofin • Gold sodium thiomalate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leflunomide • Methotrexate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penicillamine 	J1600, J9250, J9260
Immunomodulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abatacept • Adalimumab • Anakinra • Tocilizumab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etanercept • Golimumab • Infliximab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rituximab • Certolizumab • Certolizumab pegol 	J0129, J0135, J0718, J1438, J1745, J3262, J9310
Immunosuppressive agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azathioprine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclosporine • Mycophenolate 		J7502, J7515, J7516, J7517, J7518
Tetracyclines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minocycline 			

- Exclusions to this measure would include those members diagnosed with HIV during the year or those members who have become pregnant during the year.