

Asthma
Analytic Narrative and Data Elements
RELEASE NOTES Version 3.0; 07/07

RELEASE NOTES outline changes made to the Analytic Narrative Document and Data Elements from the previous posting. These changes are indicated in this document and have been changed in the Analytic Narrative and Data Elements. These changes represent Version 3.0; 07/07, posted 06/11/2007.

The following changes apply throughout the analytic narrative document.

1. Removed the PSYCHIC FACTOR CODE from the Asthma selection criteria. This code is not necessary for denominator inclusion.
2. Revised both Asthma measure statements as shown below.
3. Changed Asthma-1 Denominator statements to read: All patients aged 5-40 years with a diagnosis of Asthma.
4. Changed Asthma-2 Denominator statement to read: All visits for patients aged 5-40 years with a diagnosis of Asthma.
5. Added CPT Category II (C4) where previously it was CPT (C4).
6. Removed the following ICD-9 Codes from the document: 428.1, 495.8, 500, 502, 504, 505, 506.3, 506.9, 507.8, 518.3

Asthma-1 Percentage of patients aged 5-40 years with a diagnosis of Asthma who were evaluated during at least one office visit during the reporting year for the frequency (numeric) of daytime and nocturnal asthma symptoms

1. Removed the PSYCHIC FACTOR CODE from the Denominator Inclusions for Asthma-1.
2. Added SNOMED codes 170634005 and 371580005 for Numerator Inclusions ASTHMA FREQ ASSESS CODE box
3. Deleted CPT E/M add-on codes codes 99354, 99355. Codes not necessary for denominator inclusion.
4. Deleted CPT Codes E/M codes 99401-99404 (Preventive medicine, individual counseling). Codes not for use with patients with established symptoms or established illness.

Asthma-2 Percentage of patients aged 5-40 years with a diagnosis of asthma with mild, moderate, or severe *persistent* asthma who were prescribed *either* the preferred long-term control medication (inhaled corticosteroid) or an acceptable alternative treatment

1. Removed the PSYCHIC FACTOR CODE from the Denominator Inclusions for Asthma-2.
2. Deleted CPT Codes 99354, 99355 (E/M add-on codes). Codes not necessary for denominator inclusion.
3. Deleted CPT Codes E/M codes 99401-99404 (Preventive medicine, individual counseling). Codes not for use with patients with established symptoms or established illness.

APPENDIX A

The following changes apply throughout Appendix A:

1. Changed the description line for ENCOUNTER DATE to read Date of encounter instead of Date of diagnosis.

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2. Revised CPT listed in the description section for encounter visit to read (CPT4) and also wherever CPT is documented (CPT4) has now replaced it.
3. Deleted SNOMED from the description line for DIAGNOSIS CODING SYSTEM ex. (ICD9).
4. Changed the designation for CPT II coding to read (CPT Category II) in the Description column.

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Asthma-1 Percentage of patients aged 5-40 years with the diagnosis of Asthma who were evaluated during at least one office visit during the reporting year for the frequency (numeric) of daytime and nocturnal asthma symptoms

1. Deleted the data elements: PSYCHIC FACTOR COING SYSTEM, PSYCHIC FACTOR CODE and PSYCHIC FACTOR DATE.
2. Added description for BLOOD PRESSURE DATE: Date blood pressure was documented.

Asthma-2 Percentage of patients aged 5-40 years with a diagnosis of asthma with mild, moderate, or severe *persistent* asthma who were prescribed *either* the preferred long-term control medication (inhaled corticosteroid) or an acceptable alternative treatment

1. Renamed EXCLUSION CODING SYSTEM to PATIENT REASON CODING SYSTEM, PATIENT REASON CODE and PATIENT REASON DATE.

The Asthma Downloadable Resource table (Version 3.0; 07/07) was created to correlate with the algorithm document. Therefore, any changes that were made to the algorithm document were also made to the Downloadable Resources/Coding Specifications table.

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