

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community Health Choices Specifications for Gaps In Care

Acute Coronary Syndrome – Beta Blocker Therapy

Purpose: The purpose of this measure is to identify and track members who are diagnosed with acute coronary events and are not filling a beta blocker.

Who is Included? (denominator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Members diagnosed with acute coronary syndrome (410.xx or 411.1)
What Pharmacy Claim Data is evaluated? (numerator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Claims for single and multi-ingredient products containing beta blockers
When does the analysis occur?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reviews claims from the previous 3 months o Updated Monthly
Where can I get this information?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monthly NaviNet report updates reflect Gaps In Care for PCP practice panel membership. o Quarterly printed reports sent to PCPs reflect Gaps In Care for PCP practice panel membership. o Panel membership results include indicators for this Gaps In Care measure as “At Risk”
Why does my member have an “At Risk” status?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pharmacy claims show a failure to fill a beta blocker in the previous 3 months

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