AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community Health Choices
Specifications for Gaps in Care

Asthma – Controller Medication Therapy

- The purpose of this measure is to identify and track members who are diagnosed with asthma and are not filling asthma controller medications regularly.

Who is Included? (denominator)	o Members with active coverage with the insurance plan as of the last day of the reporting period o Members aged 5-56 with a documented history of asthma

What Pharmacy Claim Data is evaluated? (numerator)	o Ratio of asthma controller medications : (controller + rescue) medications
	  • Controller medications = inhaled corticosteroids, combination inhalers containing corticosteroids, inhaled cromolyn, oral leukotriene modifiers, and omalizumab (Xolair)
	  • Rescue medications = above medications plus short acting beta agonists (albuterol, levalbuterol)

When does the analysis occur?	o Reviews claims from the previous 6 months o Updated Monthly
Where can I get this information?	Claims data is evaluated on a monthly basis for all members. In the event that there is no claim for this specific service, the system generates an automatic notice of care gap. Care Gap status notification is provided by and accessible through NaviNet via: o Member Eligibility "pop-up" alerts o Care Gap Query Reports o Member Clinical Summary Reports o Monthly NaviNet report updates reflect Gaps In Care for PCP practice panel membership
Why does my member have an "At Risk" status?	o Pharmacy claims show a ratio of controller medications to all asthma medications of <0.5 which is positively correlated with an increase in asthma-related exacerbations including hospitalizations

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