Managed Care Plan Utilization Data

2011 Measure Descriptions

Below is a description of each measure included in 2011 utilization measurement file, as well as the relevant payers (noted in parentheses after the description).

Types of Insurance

Commercial HMO

Individual or employer sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; the member selects a primary care provider to coordinate care; and referrals to some services or specialists may be required.

Commercial PPO

Individual or employer sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; there is no primary care provider assignment; and referrals to some services or specialists are not usually required.

Medicaid

Government sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; the member selects a primary care provider to coordinate care; and referrals to so me services or specialists may be required. This includes people who are eligible for Medicaid managed care and Family Health Plus (NYS's expansion program for adults age 19 and older).

Child Health Plus

Government sponsored health insurance, although individuals may pay part of premium for some eligibility levels. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; the member selects a primary care provider to coordinate care; and referrals to some services or specialists may be required. This in NYS's version of the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for people up to age 19.

Domains

The utilization data reflect the frequency of certain services provided by a health plan performed in the following domain.

- Outpatient Utilization
- Frequency of Selected Procedure
- Inpatient Utilization
- Mental Utilization
- Identification of Alcohol and Other Drug Services
- Antibiotic Utilization

Measure Descriptions

Outpatient Utilization

This measure summarizes the utilization of ambulatory care in the following categories.

- Emergency Room Visits
- Outpatient Visits

Frequency of Selected Procedure

This measure summarizes the utilization of the following frequently performed procedures that often show wide regional variation and have generated concern regarding potentially inappropriate utilization.

- Angioplasty
- Coronary Artery Bypass Craft
- Cardiac Catheterization
- Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
- Back Surgery
- Bariatric Weight Loss Surgery
- Prostatectomy
- Lumpectomy
- Mastectomy
- Abdominal Hysterectomy
- Vaginal Hysterectomy
- Tonsillectomy

Inpatient Utilization

This measure summarizes the utilization of acute inpatient care and services in the following categories.

- Medicine
- Surgery
- Maternity
- Total

Mental Utilization

This measure summarizes the number and percentage of members receiving the following mental health services.

- Outpatient/Emergency Room
- Inpatient
- Any Service

Identification of Alcohol and Other Drug Services

The measure summarizes the number and percentage of members with an alcohol and other drug (AOD) claims who received the following chemical dependency services.

- Outpatient/Emergency Room
- Inpatient

• Any Service

Antibiotic Utilization

The measure summarizes the outpatient utilization of anithiotic prescription for children (ages 0 to 17) and adults (ages 18 and above).

- Total number of prescriptions for antibiotics
- Total number of prescriptions for antibiotics of concern
- Percentage of prescriptions for antibiotics of concern of all antibiotic prescriptions