

Chlamydia Screening in Women (CHL) HEDIS/Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR) measure tip sheet

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This HEDIS®/QARR measure looks at the percentage of women 16 to 24 years of age who were identified as sexually active and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year, including teens and women who:

- Made comments or talked to you about sexual relations.
- Had a pregnancy test.
- Were prescribed birth control (even if used for acne treatment).
- Received gynecological services.
- Have a history of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Have a history of sexual assault or abuse.

Exclusions:

- Members receiving hospice services at any time during the measurement year
- Members who were included in the measure based on a pregnancy test alone and who meet one of the following:
 - A pregnancy test and a prescription for isotretinoin on the date of the test or the [six days] after
 - A pregnancy test and an X-ray on the date of the test of the six days after

Why it matters

Our solutions don't just treat those who are sick but ensure care providers keep their patient, our members, healthy. Chlamydia is the most commonly reported sexually transmitted disease (STD) with over 1.8 million cases reported in 2019. Adolescent and young women have the highest rates of reported infection and bear a disproportionate burden of negative health consequences of undiagnosed and untreated chlamydia. Chlamydia infection is often asymptomatic, and screening for asymptomatic infection is a cost-effective strategy to reduce transmission and prevent pelvic inflammatory disease among females. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for chlamydia in all sexually active women 24 years or younger and in women 25 years or older who are at risk for infection.

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Best practice and CHL measure tips:

- Submit timely claims and encounter data and use complete and accurate codes.
- Incorporate universal or opt-out annual screening strategies of all women who fall into the 16-24 age range.
- Remember that a simple urine test is all that is needed for screening.
- Review the gap in care report to identify patients that meet the criteria and need the screening.
- Set up EMR alerts to flag patients due for a screening.

Measure codes:

Description	CPT® codes
Chlamydia tests	87110, 87270, 87320, 87490, 87492, 87810
Pregnancy tests	81025, 84702, 84703

The codes listed are for informational purposes only and are not intended to suggest or guide reimbursement. If applicable, refer to your provider contract or health plan contact for reimbursement information. For a complete list of CPT codes, go to the American Medical Association website at ama-assn.org.

For additional resources, visit the National Chlamydia Coalition website at chlamydiacoalition.org.