

June 14, 2013

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**Re: HEDIS[®] Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis (SPR)
HEDIS[®] Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (PCE)**

Dear «Last__Name» «Title», :

This letter is a part of our continued efforts to ensure that you are aware of Jai Medical Systems Managed Care Organization, Inc.'s quality assurance standards as they relate to HEDIS[®] (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set). It is our hope that this information will assist you in achieving our quality assurance goals.

The **Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD (SPR)** measure determines the percentage of adult members, 40 years of age and older, who receive spirometry testing to confirm the diagnosis of COPD. If there have been no claims for over 2 years with a diagnosis of COPD, the diagnosis of COPD will be considered new, and as such will need evidence of spirometry testing to confirm. *The spirometry testing must be completed within 6 months either before or after the new diagnosis.* Please make sure to use one of the following CPT codes when completing the spirometry testing to ensure proper billing: 94010, 94014-94016, 94060, 94070, 94375, or 94620.

Please ensure spirometry testing is performed on all patients who are diagnosed with COPD.

The **Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation (PCE)** measure will calculate the percentage of members 40 years of age and older who had an acute inpatient discharge or ED encounter for COPD on or between January 1– November 30 of the measurement year and who were dispensed the appropriate medications. The appropriate medications are that are being measured include a dispensed systematic corticosteroid within 14 days of the event and a dispensed bronchodilator within 30 days of the event.

Please evaluate your COPD patients after hospitalizations or ED visits to ensure appropriate medications have been dispensed within the appropriate timeframes.

Attached you will find a criteria receipt. After reviewing the standards for these measures please sign and fax this receipt to Stephanie Scharpf at (410) 433-4615.

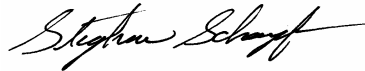
We believe that the information provided will help you understand how HEDIS® will be used to interpret the quality of care provided to our members. Please remember that this information has been adapted from HEDIS® guidelines and should not be substituted for your sound medical judgment. Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that our members receive the highest quality of care possible. Please feel free to contact us at (410) 433-2200 if you have any questions or concerns

Sincerely,



Frances Bird, M.D.
Director, Quality Assurance

Sincerely,



Stephanie Scharpf
Director, Regulatory Compliance and
Administration