

August 16, 2013

«First__Name» «Last__Name», «Title»
 «Address__1»
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 «City», «State» «Zip»

Re: HEDIS® Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults with Acute Bronchitis (AAB)

Dear «First__Name» «Last__Name», «Title»:

We know that you are an invaluable medical professional who strives to provide the highest quality of care to your patients. We are sending this letter as 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 **Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment in Adults with Acute Bronchitis Measure** evaluates adults 18 to 64 years of age who are coded with a diagnosis of acute bronchitis. **The adult will pass the measure if they are not dispensed an antibiotic prescription.** If the adult is also coded with one of these co-morbid conditions, they will be excluded from this measure:

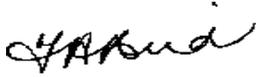
Description	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis
HIV disease; asymptomatic HIV	042, V08
Cystic fibrosis	277.0
Disorders of the immune system	279
Malignancy neoplasms	140-209
Chronic bronchitis	491
Emphysema	492
Bronchiectasis	494
Extrinsic allergic alveolitis	495
Chronic airway obstruction, chronic obstructive asthma	493.2, 496
Pneumoconiosis and other lung disease due to external agents	500-508
Other diseases of the respiratory system	510-519
Tuberculosis	010-018

It is important to always code as completely and accurately as possible. It will make a positive difference in our HEDIS® scores if you code all diagnoses used in your decision to prescribe antibiotics.

Attached you will find a criteria receipt. After reviewing the standards for this measure, 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