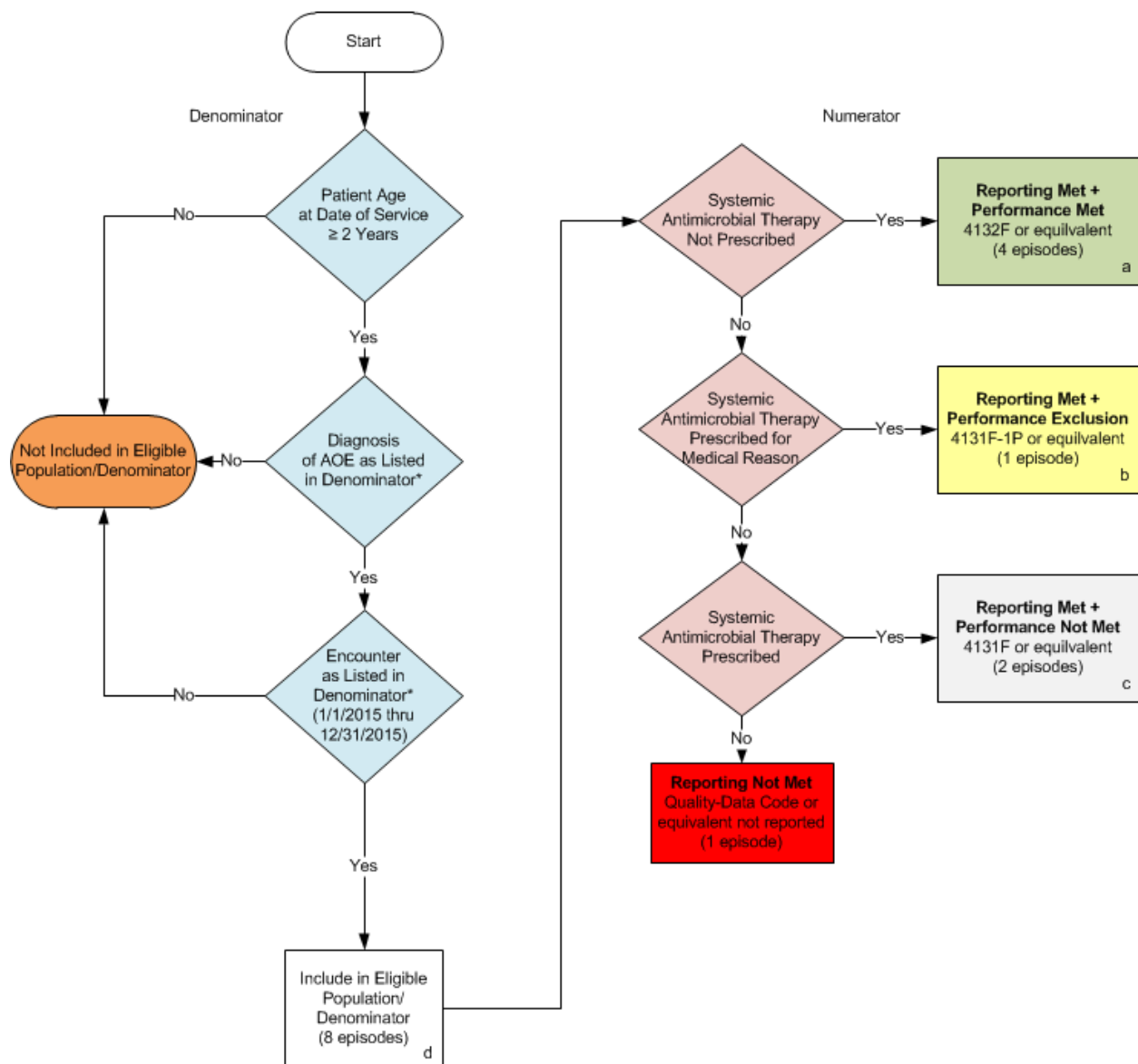


2015 Claims/Registry Individual Measure Flow
PQRS #93 NQF # 0654: Acute Otitis Externa (AOE): Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy –
Avoidance of Inappropriate Use



SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:

Reporting Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=4 episodes)} + \text{Performance Exclusion (b=1 episode)} + \text{Performance Not Met (c=2 episodes)}}{\text{Eligible Population / Denominator (d=8 episodes)}} = \frac{7 \text{ episodes}}{8 \text{ episodes}} = 87.50\%$$

Performance Rate=

$$\frac{\text{Performance Met (a=4 episodes)}}{\text{Reporting Numerator (7 episodes) – Performance Exclusion (b=1 episode)}} = \frac{4 \text{ episodes}}{6 \text{ episodes}} = 66.67\%$$

*See the posted Measure Specification for specific coding and instructions to report this measure.

NOTE: Reporting Frequency: Episode

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Please refer to the specific section of the Measure Specification to identify the denominator and numerator information for use in reporting this Individual Measure.

1. Start with Denominator
2. Check Patient Age:
 - a. If the Age is greater than or equal to 2 years of age on Date of Service and equals No during the measurement period, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If the Age is greater than or equal to 2 years of age on Date of Service and equals Yes during the measurement period, proceed to check Patient Diagnosis.
3. Check Patient Diagnosis:
 - a. If Diagnosis of AOE as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Diagnosis of AOE as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, proceed to check Encounter Performed.
4. Check Encounter Performed:
 - a. If Encounter as Listed in the Denominator equals No, do not include in Eligible Patient Population. Stop Processing.
 - b. If Encounter as Listed in the Denominator equals Yes, include in the Eligible population.
5. Denominator Population
 - a. Denominator population is all Eligible Patients in the denominator. Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 8 episodes in the sample calculation.
6. Start Numerator
7. Check Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Not Prescribed
 - a. If Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Not Prescribed equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Met.
 - b. Reporting Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 4 episodes in Sample Calculation.
 - c. If Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Not Prescribed equals No, proceed to Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed for Medical Reason.
8. Check Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed for Medical Reason
 - a. If Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed for Medical Reason equals Yes, include in Reporting Met and Performance Exclusion.
 - b. Reporting Met and Performance Exclusion letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter b equals 1 episode in the Sample Calculation.

- c. If Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed for Medical Reason equals No, proceed to Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed.
9. Check Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed
 - a. If Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed equals Yes, include in the Reporting Met and Performance Not Met.
 - b. Reporting Met and Performance Not Met letter is represented in the Reporting Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 2 episodes in the Sample Calculation.
 - c. If Systemic Antimicrobial Therapy Prescribed equals No, proceed to Reporting Not Met.
10. Check Reporting Not Met
 - a. If Reporting Not Met equals No, Quality Data Code or equivalent not reported. 1 episode has been subtracted from the reporting numerator in the sample calculation.

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