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## Chlamydia Screening

Highmark Wholecare wants to help you improve your quality scores on HEDIS® measures. This resource guideline details the key aspects of the Chlamydia Screening measure along with guidance and resources.

### What is the Measure?

Female patients 16 – 24 years of age as of the December 31 of the measurement year, identified as sexually active, and who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year.

Sexual activity is identified via claims and includes, but is not limited to the following diagnoses and/or procedures: Pregnancy, pregnancy test, sexually transmitted infection, cervical cancer screening, infertility and contraceptive use.

Exclusions: a pregnancy test during the measurement year that is followed within seven days by a prescription for isotretinoin or an X-Ray.

### What Codes Should Providers Use?

Definition	CPT® Category I
Chlamydia Test	87110, 87270, 87320, 87490-87492, 87810

### How Can Providers Improve HEDIS® Scores?

- Implement EHR alert that serves as a reminder for chlamydia screening for all women 16 – 24 years.
- Implement policy within your practice to screen all women 16 – 24 years unless the patient opts out.
- Consider making chlamydia screening easier for women by using a urine specimen for testing rather than a vaginal swab.
- Educate sexually active women on the importance of being tested for STIs, including chlamydia, even if they are not showing symptoms because they are still transmissible and may cause future complications.

Resource for current guidelines:

<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/chlamydia-and-gonorrhea-screening>

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