Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with a History of Sudden or Rapidly Progressive Hearing Loss

This measure is to be reported for all patients, regardless of age, seen during the reporting period who present with sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss — a minimum of once per reporting period.

Measure description
Percentage of patients aged birth and older referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation immediately following an audiologic evaluation that verifies and documents sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss.

What will you need to report for each patient with sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss?
If you select this measure for reporting, you will report:
- Whether or not the patient has documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss.

If the patient has documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss, you will then need to report:
- Whether or not you referred the patient for an otologic evaluation.

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?
There may be times when it is not appropriate to refer to a physician, due to:
- Documented reasons (eg, patients who are under current care of a physician for sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the documented reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report the G-code that represents these valid reasons (also called exceptions).
Disorders of the Ear

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**Coding Specifications**

Codes required to document patient has diagnosis for hearing loss and a visit occurred:

An ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for diagnosis for hearing loss and a CPT code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

All measure specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

**Hearing loss ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes**

- 389.00, 389.01, 389.02, 389.03, 389.04, 389.05, 389.06, 389.08, 389.10, 389.11, 389.12, 389.13, 389.14, 389.15, 389.16, 389.17, 389.18, 389.20, 389.21, 389.22; 389.8, 389.9

**AND**

**CPT codes**

- 92550, 92557, 92567, 92568, 92570, 92575

Quality codes for this measure:

**G-code descriptors**

(Data collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate code or combination of codes.)

- **G8565**: Verification and documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss
- **G8567**: Patient does not have verification and documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss
- **G8564**: Patient was referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation
- **G8566**: Patient is not eligible for the “Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Sudden or Rapidly Progressive Hearing Loss” measure (eg, patients who are under current care of a physician for sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss.)
- **G8568**: Patient was not referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation, reason not specified

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**Physician Quality Reporting System Data Collection Sheet**

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<th>Clinical Information</th>
<th>Billing Information</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Step 1</strong> Is patient eligible for this measure?</td>
<td>Code Required on Claim Form</td>
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<tr>
<td>Any patient regardless of age.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Patient has a diagnosis of hearing loss.</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>There is a CPT code for audiologic visits.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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If No is checked for any of the above, STOP. Do not report a G-code.

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<th><strong>Step 2</strong> Does patient also have the other requirements for this measure?</th>
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<td>Does patient have verification and documentation of sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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If No, report only G8567 and STOP.

If Yes, report G8565 and proceed to Step 3.

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<th><strong>Step 3</strong> Does patient meet or have an acceptable reason for not meeting the measure?</th>
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<td>Patient with Sudden or Rapidly Progressive Hearing Loss Referred for Otologic Evaluation</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Patient with Sudden or Rapidly Progressive Hearing Loss Not referred for the following reason:</td>
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<td>• Documented reasons (eg, patients who are under current care of a physician for sudden or rapidly progressive hearing loss.)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Document reason here and in medical chart.</td>
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If No is checked for the above, report G8568 (Patient was not referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation, reason not specified).