



Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis (ART)

Q: Which members are included in the sample?

A: Adults 18 years and older with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and who were dispensed at least one ambulatory prescription for a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) in 2015.

Q: What codes are used?

A: Please reference attached sample codes; reference Value Set Directory for additional codes

Q: What documentation is needed in the medical record?

A: None. This measure requires **claim/encounter data** submission only using the appropriate Value Set Codes.

Q: What documentation is needed in the medical record?

A: Evidence from claim/encounter/pharmacy data

- A date of service for any outpatient visit or a non-acute inpatient discharge with a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, and a prescription for DMARD in 2015.

DMARDs:

Description	Prescription		
5-Aminosalicylates	• Sulfasalazine		
Alkylating agents	• Cyclophosphamide		
Aminoquinolines	• Hydroxychloroquine		
Anti-rheumatics	• Auranofin • Gold sodium thiomalate	• Leflunomide • Methotrexate	• Penicillamine
Immunomodulators	• Abatacept • Adalimumab • Anakinra • Certolizumab	• Certolizumab pegol • Etanercept • Golimumab • Infliximab	• Rituximab • Tocilizumab
Immunosuppressive agents	• Azathioprine	• Cyclosporine	• Mycophenolate
Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor	• Tofacitinib		
Tetracyclines	• Minocycline		



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Q: How to improve score for this HEDIS measure?

A:

- Use of complete and accurate Value Set
- Timely submission of claims and encounter data
- Ensure proper documentation in medical record
- Evidence of a diagnosis of HIV or pregnancy - *documentation will assist in excluding members from the HEDIS sample.*



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SAMPLE CODES

ICD-10 codes

M06.9

CPT codes

99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245, 99341-99345, 99347-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404, 99411, 99412, 99420, 99429, 99455, 99456

HCPCS visit codes

G0402, G0438, G0439, G0463, T1015

HCPCS injection codes

J0129, J0135, J0717, 0718, J1600, J1602, J1745, J3262, J7502, J7515-J7518, J9250, J9260, J9310

Exclusion ICD-10 codes

B20, Z33.1