

Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR) – The percentage of members 5-18.99 years of age who were identified as having persistent asthma and had a ratio of controller medications to total asthma medication of 0.50 or greater during the measurement year. This measure calculates an unweighted medication ratio of units of controller medications over units of controller medications plus units of short acting beta-agonists (SABA)/reliever medications for persistent asthmatics.

Units of Controller

Units of controller + Units of Reliever

Patients with a ratio of 0.50 or greater experience significantly fewer asthma exacerbations, defined as either ED visits, with asthma listed as a primary diagnosis, or an oral corticosteroid dispensing event determined from medical and pharmacy claims. The intent is that patients have both controllers and relievers in their regimens, instead of relievers alone. The member needs to be enrolled with CPMG during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year.