Adherence to Antipsychotic Medication for Individuals with Schizophrenia – SAA

Intent: Assess the percentage of members with schizophrenia who were dispensed appropriate medication and remained on it for at least 80% of their treatment period.

Age: 19-64 years of age
Product Lines: Commercial, Medicaid, HARP
Timeframe: Prescription start date to December 31 of measurement year

At a minimum for compliance, SAA documentation requires the following components:

- Member was prescribed an antipsychotic medication
- Clear documentation of adherence for at least 80% of the treatment period

How to submit compliant data:
Encounters/claims and pharmacy data

Tips and Recommendations
- Educate members on the importance of staying on the medication.
- Encourage members to verbalize possible reasons for noncompliance. Together, explore ways to reduce them.
- Consider a 90-day prescription, when appropriate.
- Maintain open communication between with behavioral health providers to coordinate care.

Reporting Requirement: HEDIS®, NYS QARR