

TONSILLECTOMY/ADENOIDECTOMY

Episode Definition

Episode Trigger

A tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, or adeno-tonsillectomy is triggered by a surgical procedure billed by the performing professional.

Episode Duration

Episodes begin with an initial consult with the performing provider within 90 days prior to the procedure and will end 30 days after the procedure.

Episode Services

The episode will include the following services rendered within the duration of the episode:

- Within the 90-day pre-procedure window: related services beginning on the day of the first consult with the performing provider, including: inpatient and outpatient facility services, professional services, related medications, and excluding ED visits on the day of the first visit.
- Within the procedural window: colonoscopies with and without additional procedures, including inpatient and outpatient facility services, professional services, and related medications, beginning day of procedure.
- Within the 30-day post procedure window: related services including inpatient and outpatient facility services, professional services, related medications, treatment for post procedure complications, and inpatient post procedure admission.

Principal Accountable Provider

The Principal Accountable Provider (PAP) for a Tonsillectomy episode is the physician performing the tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy.

Episode Exclusions

In addition to the *Global Exclusions* for all episodes, episodes meeting any of the following criteria will be excluded:

- Patients under the age of three and over the age of 21 at the time of the procedure.
- Patients with select cancers of the mouth and/or sinus or palatopharyngoplasty.
- Patients triggering with an emergency department visit.
- Patients triggering with an inpatient stay.
- Patients with chromosome/endocrine abnormalities, respiratory disorders, cerebral palsy, and obesity.

Episode Adjustments

There are no cost adjustments

Quality and Utilization Measures

The following measures are tracked for informational reporting purposes:

- The percentage of episodes with antibiotics dispensed within post-procedure window.
- The percentage of episodes with a primary bleed.
- The percentage of episodes with a secondary bleed.
- The percentage of episodes with for which a surgical pathology lab was utilized.
- The percentage of episodes with pain medication dispensed.
- The percentage of episodes with both tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy.
- The percentage of episodes with adenoidectomy procedure.
- The percentage of episodes with tonsillectomy procedure.
- The percentage of episodes with surgery occurring at an ambulatory surgical center (ASC).
- The percentage of episodes with surgery occurring at an outpatient facility.
- The percentage of episodes with an ear tube procedure included in cost.