

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Clinical Practice Initiatives

Fallon Health Weinberg-HMO SNP, a Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan and Fallon Health Weinberg-MLTC, a Managed Long-Term Care plan, both from Fallon Health Weinberg, have endorsed the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD).

Preventive Patient Education

Fallon Health Weinberg may provide the following educational information to your patients and their caregivers:

- Reinforcement of healthy lifestyle changes including the importance of having routine follow-up visits, taking medication(s) as prescribed, maintaining a healthy diet for weight management, following exercise recommendations, smoking cessation and avoidance of secondhand smoke
- Psychosocial adjustment in living with a chronic illness
- Importance of an annual influenza vaccine
- Importance of pneumococcal vaccines on or after 65th birthday, according to current guidelines
- Discussion about smoking cessation
- Importance of appropriate pharmacotherapy management of COPD exacerbation, along with regular follow-up visits, to support disease self-management

Clinical Indicators

Fallon Health Weinberg may utilize the following indicators to determine the percentage of patients who received:

- Annual Influenza vaccine
- Pneumococcal vaccines as recommended
- Spirometry testing in the initial assessment and diagnosis of COPD

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