



**Topic of the Month
November 2015**

**MedStar Family Choice-Maryland HealthChoice Product
MedStar Family Choice-District of Columbia Healthy Families and HealthCare Alliance**

New Clinical Practice Guidelines for Community Acquired Pneumonia

The MedStar Ambulatory Best Practices Committee has recently released a new clinical practice guideline for community acquired pneumonia. This guideline, in addition to other clinical practice guidelines, can be found on the MedStar website.

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Community acquired pneumonia remains one of the leading causes of death in the United States. The guideline reviews severity of illness scoring and prognostic models to aide in determining the treatment setting, possible pathogens, indications for additional diagnostic testing and drug therapy choices.