

Measure specifications: Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life

Metric information

Metric description: The percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries who turned 30 months old during the measurement year and who had six or more well-child visits during their first 15 months of life and two or more well-child visits during their first 15 month to 30 months of life.

It is important to note that this metric is a modified version of the HEDIS® metric. The HEDIS® specification requires including only primary care providers and excluding all specialty care visits. Any provision of well-child services is included, regardless of provider type.

Metric specification version: HEDIS® Measurement Year 2022 Technical

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Data collection method: Administrative only.

Data source: ProviderOne Medicaid claims/encounter and enrollment data.

Claim status: Includes only final paid claims or accepted encounters or denied lines from otherwise accepted encounters in metric calculation.

Identification window: Measurement year.

Direction of quality improvement: Higher is better.

URL of specifications: [NCQA HEDIS measures](#)

Metric details

Eligible population

Measure	Description
Age	30 months old during the measurement year. Age is as of the last day of the measurement year.
Gender	N/A
Minimum Medicaid enrollment	Measurement year. Enrollment must be continuous.
Allowable gap in Medicaid enrollment	One gap of one month during the measurement year (31 days to 30 months of age).
Medicaid enrollment anchor date	The day the child turns 30 months old.
Medicaid benefit and eligibility	Includes Medicaid beneficiaries with comprehensive medical benefits. Excludes beneficiaries that are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and beneficiaries with primary insurance other than Medicaid.

Denominator

Data elements required for denominator: Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the above eligibility criteria.

Required exclusions for denominator.

- Eligible population exclusions are listed in the eligible population table above.
- Metric specific exclusions:
 - o Beneficiaries in hospice care.

Deviations from cited specifications for denominator.

- HEDIS® specifications require no more than one gap in continuous enrollment of up to 45 days during each year of continuous enrollment. To determine continuous enrollment for a Medicaid beneficiary for whom enrollment is verified monthly, as is the case for the ProviderOne data source, the Medicaid beneficiary may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., a Medicaid beneficiary whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled).

Numerator

Beneficiaries must qualify for inclusion in the denominator to be eligible for inclusion in the numerator.

Data elements required for numerator:

- Well-child visits in the first 15 months of life: six or more well-child visits during the measurement year.
- Well-child visits for ages 15 months to 30 months: two or more well-child visits during the measurement year.

Required exclusions for numerator.

- None

Deviations from cited specifications for numerator.

- The HEDIS® specification requires only primary care providers and excluding all specialty care visits. Any provision of well-child services is included, regardless of provider type.

Version control

August 2021 update: This is a new specification. For DSRIP purposes, Well Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life replaces Well Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life for DY5/performance year 3 (2021). Due to the lack of available national benchmark during the baseline year (2019), this metric shifts from a gap-to-goal to an improvement over self-improvement target methodology for DY5 only.

August 2023 update: The specification sheet has been updated to reflect the current version of the technical specification from the measure steward. No substantive changes were made to the DSRIP Metric Details. Note that while the names of the value sets included in the specifications have not changed, the underlying values may have been updated.

September 2025 update: MTP 1.0 DSRIP related criteria have been removed from metric production calculations. The metric aligns with HEDIS specifications.