Well-Child Visits in the First 30 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 months 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®¹ 2021 Technical Specifications for Health Plans, NCQA (modified).

**Data collection method:** Administrative only.

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

**Claim status:** Include only final paid claims or accepted encounters in metric calculation.

**Identification window:** Measurement year.

**Direction of quality improvement:** Higher is better.

**URL of specifications:** [www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures](http://www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures)

DSRIP Program Summary

**Metric utility:** ACH Project P4P ■ ACH High Performance □ DSRIP statewide accountability □

**ACH Project P4P – Metric results used for achievement value:** Submetrics reported for: well-child visits in the first 15 months of life and well-child visits for age 15 months to 30 months. Each submetric contributes equal weight in the final AV calculation for the overall metric.

**ACH Project P4P – improvement target methodology:** improvement over self (1.9% improvement over reference baseline performance).

**ACH regional attribution:** Residence in the ACH region for 11 out of 12 months in the measurement year.

DSRIP Metric Details

**Eligible Population**

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| 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:
  - 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 age 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.*
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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.