

Measure Specific Guidelines for Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD)*

Description:

The percentage of children newly prescribed attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication who had at least three follow-up care visits within a 10-month period, one of which was within 30 days of when the first ADHD medication was dispensed. Two rates are reported:

1. **Initiation Phase:** The percentage of members 6-12 years of age with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication, and had one follow up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority during the 30-day Initiation Phase
2. **Continuation and Maintenance (C&M) Phase:** The percentage of members 6-12 years of age with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication who remained on the medication for at least 210 days and who, in addition to the visit in the Initiation Phase, had at least two follow-up visits with a practitioner within 270 days (9 months) after the Initiation Phase ended.

Documentation Guidelines:

Definitions:

- **IPSD:** Index Prescription Start Date. The earliest prescription dispensing date for an ADHD medication where the date is the Intake Period and there is a Negative Medication History
- **Initiation Phase:** the 30 days following the IPSD
- **C&M Phase:** the 300 days following the IPSD (10 months)

During Initiation Phase, any of the following meet criteria

- Outpatient Visit
- Behavioral Health Outpatient Visit
- Observation Visit
- Health and Behavior assessment or intervention
- Intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization
- Community mental health center visit
- Telehealth visit
- Telephone visit

Note: Do not count a visit on the IPSD as the Initiation Phase visit



C&M Phase: Members 6 years of age as of March 1st of the year prior to the measurement year to 12 years of age as of the last calendar day of February of the measurement year, who are Numerator Compliant for Rate 1-Initiation Phase and had at least two follow up visits on different dates of service with any practitioner, from 31-300 days (9 months) after the IPSD. Any of the following meet criteria:

- Outpatient Visit
- Behavioral Health Outpatient Visit
- Observation Visit
- Health and Behavior assessment or intervention
- Intensive outpatient encounter **with** partial hospitalization
- Intensive outpatient encounter **or** partial hospitalization
- Community mental health center visit
- Telehealth visit
- Telephone visit
- E-visit or virtual check-in

Note: Only one of the two visits (during days 31-300 may be an e-visit or virtual check-in).

Note: Members in hospice are excluded from the eligible population

**Per NCQA HEDIS MY2020 & MY2021, Volume 2 Technical Specifications*