

**SUMMARY OF UPDATES TO THE CHILD CORE SET MEASURES  
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND RESOURCE MANUAL  
FEBRUARY 2018**

**Overall Changes**

- Updated reporting year to FFY 2018, and data collection timeframe to 2017.
- Updated specifications, value set codes, copyright, and table source information to HEDIS 2018 for all HEDIS measures.
- Replaced medication tables with online reference to medication lists for the following HEDIS measures: ADD-CH, APC-CH, APP-CH, and CHL-CH.
- Added EHR as a data collection method and included link to electronic specifications for the following measures: ADD-CH, CDF-CH, CHL-CH, CIS-CH, and WCC-CH.
- Added information about the hospice exclusion to the following sections:
  - Data Collection and Reporting (Section II)
  - Guidance for Reporting for the following measures: ADD-CH, AMB-CH, AMR-CH, APC-CH, APP-CH, AWC-CH, CAP-CH, CHL-CH, CIS-CH, FUH-CH, IMA-CH, PPC-CH, W15-CH, W34-CH, WCC-CH (Section III)
  - HEDIS value set directory
- Added specifications for three new measures:
  - Measure AMR-CH: Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 5–18
  - Measure CCW-CH: Contraceptive Care – All Women Ages 15–20
  - Measure CDF-CH: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan: Ages 12–17
- Retired four measures:
  - Measure BHRA-CH: Behavioral Health Risk Assessment (for Pregnant Women)
  - Measure FPC-CH: Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care
  - Measure MMA-CH: Medication Management for People with Asthma
  - Measure SRA-CH: Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder: Suicide Risk Assessment
- Added one new appendix:
  - Appendix D: Interpreting Rates for Contraceptive Care Measures
  - Renumbered appendices to correspond with the order cited in the Technical Specifications and Resource Manual.

**I. The Core Set of Children’s Health Care Quality Measures**

- Inserted information about updates to the 2018 Child Core Set.

## **II. Data Collection and Reporting of the Child Core Set**

- Added information about the CCW-CH value set.

## **III. Technical Specifications**

### **Measure ADD-CH: Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication**

- Clarified that for the Continuation and Maintenance phase rate, visits must be on different dates of service.
- Clarified that telehealth visits cannot be counted for the Initiation phase numerator, but can be counted for one of the two Continuation and Maintenance phase visits.
  - Added Telehealth Modifier Value Set and Telehealth POS Value Set.

### **Measure AMB-CH: Ambulatory Care: Emergency Department (ED) Visits**

- Clarified how to identify an ED visit that resulted in an inpatient stay.
- Removed the AOD Rehab Value Set and Detox Value Set from the required exclusions (exclusions will be identified based on a principal diagnosis of chemical dependency).

### **Measure APC-CH: Use of Multiple Concurrent Antipsychotics in Children and Adolescents**

- Revised the measure description to clarify that the denominator is restricted to children and adolescents ages 1 to 17 who were treated with antipsychotic medications during the measurement year.
- Added a note to specify that supplemental data may not be used for the measure.

### **Measure APP-CH: Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics**

- Added telehealth modifiers to the required exclusions (step 4) to clarify that these code combinations can be used with or without a telehealth modifier.
- Added Telehealth Modifier Value Set and Telehealth POS Value Set.

### **Measure AUD-CH: Audiological Diagnosis No Later than 3 Months of Age**

- Changed measure name to replace “Evaluation” with “Diagnosis.”

### **Measure CCP-CH: Contraceptive Care – Postpartum Women Ages 15–20**

- Updated the value set to be consistent with the 340B drug list.
- Updated specification and value set to no longer adjust for LARC removals in the numerator. The specifications no longer treat women who had a LARC removal without a subsequent reinsertion or other provision of a most or moderately effective method as non-users, as the CCP measure is focused on access rather than use.

**Measure CLABSI-CH: Pediatric Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs) (Note: CMS will report this measure for states based on data from the National Healthcare Safety Network [NHSN])**

- Updated the definition of access to clarify that “access” is defined as line placement or use of line for inclusion, withdrawal through the line, or hemodynamic monitoring.
- Clarified that “discontinuation” means removal from the body.
- Revised list of devices that are not considered central lines.
- Added examples of Common Commensals under laboratory-confirmed bloodstream infection (LCBI) criteria.
- Replaced “blood cultures” with “blood specimens” throughout the specification.
- Provided additional guidance on calculating the number of predicted healthcare-associated CLABSIs for each CDC location, specifically that the number of predicted events is calculated using probabilities estimated from negative binomial models constructed from 2015 NHSN data, which represents a standard population.
- Clarified that calculating the Standard Infection Ratio is needed only if the number of predicted events is greater than or equal to one.

**Measure CPC-CH: Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Health Plan Survey 5.0H – Child Version Including Medicaid and Children with Chronic Conditions Supplemental Items**

- Added an anchor date (December 31 of the measurement year).

**Measure FUH-CH: Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: Ages 6–20**

- Revised the measure specification to no longer count visits that occur on the date of discharge.
- Added telehealth modifiers to the numerators to clarify that these code combinations can be used with or without a telehealth modifier.
- Replaced the TCM 7 Day Value Set and TCM 14 Day Value Set with the Transitional Care Management Services Value Set. Added the Telehealth Modifier Value Set.

**Measure IMA-CH: Immunizations for Adolescents**

- Added a two-dose HPV vaccination series to align with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations.

**Measure PC02-CH: PC-02: Cesarean Birth**

- Replaced “cesarean section” with “cesarean birth” throughout the specification and in the measure name.
- Updated Guidance for Reporting:
  - Clarified that to determine gestational age, it is acceptable to use data from delivery logs or clinical information systems.

- Added “unable to determine gestational age” as a criterion for exclusion.
- Updated value set for consistency with ICD-10 code revisions.

#### **Measure PDENT-CH: Percentage of Eligibles who Received Preventive Dental Services**

- Updated Guidance for Reporting to include instructions on reporting services by the type(s) of providers:
  - Instructions for the CMS-416, including for the dental lines of the report, are available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/downloads/cms-416-instructions.pdf>. The instructions for each dental line specify the provider type(s) relevant to that line. It is important to report only services delivered by the type(s) of providers specified for that line. Line 12b collects information on dental services (not oral health services), and this distinction relates to the type of provider who delivered the service (see Section B. Definitions).
- Added definitions for dental services and oral health services in Section B.

#### **Measure PPC-CH: Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care**

- Updated the administrative numerator specification to indicate when codes must be on the same claim and when codes can occur on different dates of service.

#### **Measure SEAL-CH: Dental Sealants for 6-9 Year-Old Children at Elevated Caries Risk**

- Replaced the term “Service Code” with “CDT Code” throughout the specification.

#### **Measure WCC-CH: Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents: Body Mass Index Assessment for Children/Adolescents**

- In the Additional Notes, added examples of documentation that do not count as numerator compliant.

#### **Appendix A: Child Core Set HEDIS® Value Set Directory User Manual**

- Noted that the Value Set Directory includes copyright and licensing information.
- Noted that ICD-9 codes were removed from the Value Set Directory if the look-back period plus one additional year has passed.
- Updated reference to CPT codes in value sets to CPT-CAT-II codes.

#### **Appendix I: Additional Information on Data Elements for Measure PC02-CH: Cesarean Birth**

- Updated Number of Previous Live Births abstraction notes to state that parity may be used in the absence of documentation of the number of previous live births.
- Provided additional detail on using Gravida Term Preterm Abortions and Living (GTPAL) documentation in the absence of documentation of the number of previous live births.