

Medicaid Program and CHIP: Mandatory Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Core Set Reporting (CMS-2440-F)



Overview

- Annual reporting of the Child Core Sets, the behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set, and the Health Home Core Sets will become mandatory in 2024.
- The final rule outlining requirements for States to comply with mandatory reporting requirements: on display August 28, 2023 and published on August 31, 2023.
 - https://www.federalregister.gov
- Additional guidance will follow in a State Health Official Letter expected in Fall 2023.

Objectives

- 1 Background on the Core Sets and Current Reporting
 - **2** Transition to Mandatory Reporting
 - **3** 2024 Core Sets and Annual Update Process
 - 4 Mandatory Reporting Requirements
- **5** State Compliance

Background on the Core Sets and Current Reporting

Purpose

Medicaid and CHIP Child Core Set and the Medicaid Adult Core Set:

- Measure the overall national quality of care for beneficiaries.
- Monitor performance at the State level
- Improve the quality of health care

Health Home Core Sets

- Measure the overall program quality of health home services for Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in a health home program under section 1945 or 1945A of the Social Security Act (the Act)
- Monitor the impact of these two optional State plan benefits
- Monitor performance of these two benefits at the program level
- Improve the quality of health care.

What are the Child and Adult Core Sets?

- Sets of health care quality measures for State reporting across several domains:
 - Primary Care Access and Preventive Care
 - Perinatal Health
 - Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
 - Behavioral Health Care
 - Dental and Oral Health Services (Child Core Set)
 - Experience of Care
 - Long –Term Services & Supports (Adult Core Set)
- The Child Core Set was established by CHIPRA in 2009 and the Adult Core Set was established by the Affordable Care Act in 2010.
- 2024 Core Sets
 - 27 measures on the Child Core Set
 - 33 measures on the Adult Core Set (11 are behavioral health measures)
- Core Sets are updated annually and until 2024, reporting is voluntary.

What are the Health Home Core Sets?

- Sets of health care quality measures for provider/State reporting across several domains:
 - Primary Care Access and Preventive Care
 - Coordination of Care
 - Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions
 - Behavioral Health Care
 - Follow up after Care
 - Utilization
- The 1945 Health Home Core Set was established by the Affordable Care Act of 2010 and the 1945A
 Health Home Core Set was established by the Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act
 of 2019.
- 2024 Health Home Core Sets
 - 13 measures on the 1945 Health Home Core Set
 - 7 proposed measures on the 1945A Health Home Core Set
- Core Sets are updated annually.

Child and Adult Core Set Public Reporting

- States have been voluntarily reporting on the Core Sets for over a decade with improvements every year.
- Core Set Data is published annually on <u>Medicaid.gov</u> and data.medicaid.gov for all measures reported by at least 25 States that meet data quality standards.
 - Child Core Set Reporting
 - Adult Core Set Reporting

FFY 2022 Core Set Reporting Metrics	Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
Number of measures in 2022 Core Set	25	33
Number of publicly reported measures	24	29
Number of states reporting at least half the measures	50	47
Median number of measures reported by states	21.5	26
Number of states reporting more measures for FFY 2022 than for FFY 2021	40	40
Number of states voluntarily reporting at least one measure	52	50

Health Home Public Reporting

- CMS publicly reports all section 1945 Health Home measures voluntarily submitted by States, if:
 - Reported by at least 15 health home programs
 - Meet data quality standards, following data suppression rules when applicable
 - Health Home Core Sets Reporting

2022 Health Home Core Set Reporting Metrics		
Number of measures in 2022 Core Set	13	
Number of publicly reported measures	12	
Number of health home programs expected to report	38	
Number of health home programs reporting at least half the measures	31	
Median number of measures reported for health home programs	10	
Number of states reporting more measures for FFY 2022 than for FFY 2021	1	
Number of health home programs voluntarily reporting at least one measure	34	

Transition to Mandatory Reporting

Requirement for Mandatory Reporting Child/Adult Core Sets

- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018: Required that reporting on the Child Core Set is mandatory beginning with State reporting in 2024.
- Substance Use—Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act): Required that reporting on the Adult Core Set behavioral health measures is mandatory beginning with State reporting in 2024.
- Mandatory reporting will include the 50 States, District of Columbia,
 Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam.

Requirement for Mandatory Reporting Health Home Core Sets

- Section 2703 of The Affordable Care Act of 2010: Requires State reporting
 of section 1945 health home quality measures, and that States require their
 health home providers to report on the same measures.
- SUPPORT Act of 2018: Amended 1945 for the SUD population which added measures to the section 1945 core set.
- The Investment and Accountability Act of 2019: Establishes section 1945A health home quality measures.
- Reporting is mandatory for any State or United States Territory with an approved Medicaid Health Home State Plan Amendment under section 1945 or 1945A.

NPRM and Final Rule

- The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published on August 22, 2022, and CMS received 93 public comments.
- Most comments were supportive. Some commenters recommended that CMS allow more time for implementation or consider eliminating some provisions due to State burden.
- CMS took all comments into consideration, and generally finalized the Final Rule as proposed. To balance State reporting burden with the statutory requirement for comprehensive, consistent Core Set reporting, CMS revised the proposal to add timelimited optional reporting and State exemptions pathways for populations for which States do not have data access.
- CMS will provide technical assistance to states as we transition to mandatory reporting.

Timeline for Mandatory State Reporting

- States must report by December 31, 2024 on:
 - All measures on the 2024 Child Core Set and the behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set.
 - Section 1945 or 1945A Health Home Core Sets (as applicable), for States with health home program(s) with an effective date and implementation more than 6 months prior to the December 31st reporting deadline.
- The reporting system will not change, States will continue to report Core Set data to CMS using the Quality Measure Reporting (QMR) system.

2024 Core Sets and Annual Update Process

2024 Child Core Set

Measure

Primary Care Access and Preventive Care

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- The 2024 Child Core Set was released in 2022 in order to help states prepare for mandatory reporting and is available on <u>Medicaid.gov</u>.
- The entire Child Core Set is subject to mandatory reporting.

2024 Mandatory Core Set of Children's Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and CHIP (Child Core Set)

Measure Name

Data Collection Method

760	NCQA	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC-CH)	Adm	inistrative, hy	brid, or EHR	
128	NCQA	Chlamydia Screening in Women Ages 16 to 20 (CHL-CH)	Adm	inistrative or E	EHR	
124	NCQA	Childhood Immunization Status (CIS-CH)	Adm	inistrative, hy	brid, or EHR ^a	
761	NCQA	Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30-CH)	Adm	inistrative		
363	NCQA	Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA-CH)	Adm	inistrative or h	nybrid ^a	
1003	OHSU	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV-CH)	Adm	inistrative or h	nybrid	
24	NCQA	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV-CH)	Adm	inistrative		
1775	NCQA	Lead Screening in Children (LSC-CH)	Adm	inistrative or h	nybrid	
Maternal	and Perinatal He	ealth				
413	CDC/NCHS	Live Births Weighing Less Than 2,500 Grams (LBW-CH)	State	e vital records		
581	NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Up to Age 20 (PPC2-CH)**	Adm	inistrative or h	nybrid	
166	OPA	Contraceptive Care - Postpartum Women Ages 15 to 20 (CCP-CH)	Adm	inistrative		
1002	OPA	Contraceptive Care – All Women Ages 15 to 20 (CCW-CH)	Adı			1
508	CDC/NCHS	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery (LRCD-CH)	Sta		Measure	
Care of A	cute and Chroni	c Conditions		CMIT #*	Steward	
84	NCQA	Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment for Acute Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis: Ages 3 Months to 17 Years (AAB-CH)	Adı	Experience	of Care AHRQ	Co
80	NCQA	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 5 to 18 (AMR-CH)	Adı	101	Airio	(C/
49	NCQA	Ambulatory Care: Emergency Department (ED) Visits (AMB-CH)	Adı			Me (CF
Behavior	al Health Care		_		on on Updates to	
271	NCQA	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention- Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication (ADD-CH)	Adı	quality-measur https://www.me	edicaid.gov/medic es/index.html. A r edicaid.gov/medic	resoun caid/qu
672	CMS	Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan: Ages 12 to 17 (CDF-CH)	Adı	"The CMS Me	o note that these egorize measure asures Inventory	topic a
268	NCQA	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: Ages 6 to 17 (FUH-CH)	Adı	" Starting with	rovement. More i s.gov/cmit/assets the 2024 Core S	CMIT
448	NCQA	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APM-CH)	Adı	beneficiaries a	e rates. For the 0 ge 21 and older. e measure stewa	
743	NCQA	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APP-CH)	Adı	protocol. * The Childhood Immunization S (ADHD) Medication, and Metab		
264	NCQA	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use: Ages 13 to 17 (FUA-CH)	Adı	AHRQ = Agend) reporting for HE by for Healthcare Measures Inventor	Resea
265	NCQA	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness: Ages 6 to 17 (FUM-CH)	Adı	Association); E	HR = Electronic I on Health and Sci	Health
Dental ar	nd Oral Health Se	ervices				
897	DQA (ADA)	Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OEV-CH)	Adm	inistrative		
007	DON (ADA)					
1672	DQA (ADA)	Topical Fluoride for Children (TFL-CH)	Adm	inistrative		

CMIT #*	Measure Steward	Measure Name	Data Collection Method
Experience	of Care		
151*** AHRQ Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Health Plan Survey 5.1H – Child Version Including Medicaid and Children with Chronic Conditions Supplemental Items (CPC-CH)		Survey	

More information on Updates to the 2024 Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets is available at https://www.medicaid.gouiltro-care/performance-measurement/adult-and-child-health-care-quality-measures/childrens-health-caredi quality-measures/index.html. A resource that provides a history of the measures included in the Child and Adult Core Sets is available at https://www.medicaid.gouiltro-care/downloads/core-set-history-table_off.

It is important to note that these measures reflect high quality comprehensive care provided across health care providers and settings. Domains are intended to categorize measure topic areas and are not intended to define the type of providers or the health care settings in which care is provided.

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2024 Adult Core Set

Measure

- The 2024 Adult Core Set was released in 2022 in order to help states prepare for mandatory reporting and is available on Medicaid.gov.
- Only the behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set are subject to mandatory reporting. States are encouraged to continue to report all Adult Core Set measures.
- There are 11 behavioral health measures on the 2024 Adult Core Set.

2024 Core Set of Adult Health Care	e Quality Measures for	Medicaid (Adult Core Set)
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CMIT #* Steward Measure Name				
	Primary Ca	re Access and	Preventive Care	
	118	NCQA	Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS-AD)	
•	128	NCQA	Chlamydia Screening in Women Ages 21 to 24 (CHL	-AD)
ב	139	NCQA	Colorectal Canoer Screening (COL-AD)	
	93	NCQA	Breast Canoer Screening (BCS-AD)	
	Maternal a	nd Perinatal H	ealth	
	581	NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Age 21 and Older (Pf	PC2-A
	166	OPA	Contraceptive Care – Postpartum Women Ages 21 to	44 (C
	1002	OPA	Contraceptive Care - All Women Ages 21 to 44 (CCV	N-AD)
	Care of Ac	ute and Chron	ic Conditions	
	167	NCQA	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP-AD)	
	84	NCQA	Avoidance of Antibiotic Treatment for Acute Bronchiti 18 and Older (AAB-AD)	s/Bron
	148	NCQA	Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients With Diabetes	
	577	AHRQ	PQI 01: Diabetes Short-Term Complications Admiss	
	578	AHRQ	PQI 05: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (O Older Adults Admission Rate (PQI05-AD)	CMI 18**
	579	AHRQ	PQI 08: Heart Failure Admission Rate (PQI08-AD)	
	580	AHRQ	PQI 15: Asthma in Younger Adults Admission Rate	Exp
	561	NCQA	Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PCR-AD)	152
	80	NCQA	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 19 to 64 (AMR-AD)	Lon
	325	HRSA	HIV Viral Load Suppression (HVL-AD)	961
	748	PQA	Use of Opioids at High Dosage in Persons Without	
	150	PQA	Concurrent Use of Opioids and Benzodiazepines (C	457
	Behaviora	Health Care (I	Mandatory)	More i
	394	NCQA	Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disord (IET-AD)	https:// measu https://
	432	NCQA	Medical Assistance with Smoking and Tobacco Use (MSC-AD)	It is im to cate
	63	NCQA	Antidepressant Medication Management (AMM-AD)	* The quality
	672	CMS	Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan: Age (CDF-AD)	" Star care ra
	268	NCQA	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: A (FUH-AD)	21 and
	202	NCQA	Diabetes Screening for People With Schizophrenia Who Are Using Antipsychotic Medications (SSD-AD	protoc
	196	NCQA	Diabetes Care for People with Serious Mental Illnes (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%) (HPCMI-AD)	HEDIS AHRO Electro
	750	CMS	Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder (C	Assoc
	264	NCQA	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Su and Older (FUA-AD)	Affairs
	265	NCQA	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mer and Older (FUM-AD)	ıtal IIIn

CMIT #*	Measure Steward	Measure Name	Data Collection Method		
18***	NCQA	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals With Schizophrenia (SAA-AD)	Administrative		
Experienc	Experience of Care				
152****	AHRQ	Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Health Plan Survey 5.1H, Adult Version (Medicaid) (CPA-AD)	Survey		
Long-Term Services and Supports					
961	NCQA	Long-Term Services and Supports Comprehensive Care Plan and Update (CPU-AD)	Case management record review		
457	NASDDDS/ HSRI	National Core Indicators Survey (NCIIDD-AD)	Survey		
More information on Updates to the 2024 Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets is available at					

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"" The Adult Core Set includes the NCQA version of the measure, which is adapted from the CMS measure.

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Administrative

Data Collection Method

Administrative, hybrid, or EHR

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Administrative or hybrid

Administrative, hybrid, or EHR Administrative

Administrative

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The Colorectal Cancer Screening and Breast Cancer Screening measures are also specified for Electronic Clinical Data System (ECDS) reporting for HEDIS. ECDS specifications are not currently available for Adult Core Set reporting.

AHRQ = Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality; CMIT = CMS Measures Inventory Tool; CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; EHR = Electronic Health Record; HRSA = Health Resources and Services Administration; HSRI = Human Services Research Institute; NASDDDS = National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services; NOQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance; OPA = U.S. Office of Population Affairs; PQA = Pharmacy Quality Alliance.

2024 Section 1945 and 1945A **Health Home Core Sets**

 The 2024 Health Home Core Sets were released in 2022 in order to help states prepare for mandatory reporting and are available on Medicaid.gov.

2023 and 2024 Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures for 1945 Medicaid Health Home Programs (1945 Health Home Core Set)

CMIT #*	Steward	Measure Name				
Core Set	Measures					
394	NCQA	Initiation and Engagement of Subst HH)	ance Use D	isorder Treat	ment (IET-	
167	NCQA	Controlling High Blood Pressure (C	BP-HH)			
139	NCQA	Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-	-HH)			
672	CMS	Screening for Depression and Follo	w-Up Plan ((CDF-HH)		
268	NCQA	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for				
561	NCQA	Plan All-Cause Readmissions (PC		2024 Mandatory Core Set (1945A Health Home Core		
750	CMS	Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioi	(1945A I			
264	NCQA	Follow-Up After Emergency Depar HH)	CMIT #*	Measure Steward		
265	NCQA	Follow-Up After Emergency Depar (FUM-HH)	761	NCQA	Well-Chil	
593	AHRQ	Prevention Quality Indicator (PQI)	24	NCQA	Child and	
		(PQI92-HH)	124	NCQA	Childhoo	
Utilization	n Measures					
20	CMS	Admission to an Institution from the	363	NCQA	Immuniza	
49	NCQA	Ambulatory Care: Emergency Dep	897	DQA	Oral Eval	
397	CMS	Inpatient Utilization (IU-HH)		(ADA)		
More inform	ation on updates	s to the 2023 and 2024 Health Home	49	NCQA	Ambulato	

Measure

states/medicaid-state-technical-assistance/health-home-informat resource that provides a history of the measures included in the https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/2023-core-si

2024 Mandatory Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures for 1945A Health Home Programs (1945A Health Home Core Set)

Data Collection Method

Administrative or EHR

Administrative, EHR, or

Administrative or EHR^a.

Administrative or EHR

hybrid

	CMIT #*	Measure Steward	Measure Name	Data Collection Method
	761	NCQA	Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30-HH)	Administrative
1	24	NCQA	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV-HH)	Administrative
	124	NCQA	Childhood Immunization Status (CIS-HH)	Administrative, EHR, or bybrida.
,	363	NCQA	Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA-HH)	Administrative or hybrida
,	897	DQA (ADA)	Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OEV-HH)	Administrative
	49	NCQA	Ambulatory Care: Emergency Department (ED) Visits (AMB-HH)	Administrative
6	397	CMS	Inpatient Utilization (IU-HH)	Administrative

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Annual Update Process: Core Sets Review

- The Child and Adult Core Set Annual Review Workgroup and the Health Home Annual Review Workgroup ("Workgroups") have annual public meetings to develop recommendations on how to revise, strengthen, and improve the applicable Core Sets.
- Criteria for measures recommended for addition: technical feasibility, desirability of measures, viability for State Medicaid and CHIP programs, and tested or currently in use by a State Medicaid or CHIP program.
- Measures recommended for addition or removal require an affirmative vote of at least twothirds of eligible Workgroup members.
- A report of workgroup recommendations is made available for public review and comment.
- CMS uses the recommendations and report to make updates to the Core Sets, which are
 published annually by January 1st.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements

Populations in Mandatory Reporting (§ 437.10)

- <u>Final Rule</u> establishes that States will be required to report on all populations and annual guidance will identify any exceptions to reporting these populations (change from proposed rule).
 - Health Home Core Sets: States must report on <u>ALL</u> populations served by the health home program except those identified through annual guidance.
- Exemption Process for the Child and Adult Core Sets (change from proposed rule):
 - States may request a 1-year exemption from reporting a specific population for one or more Child and/or Adult Core Set measures.
 - Exemption requests (outlined further in § 437.15) must be submitted by Sept 1st

Includes all Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries in quality reporting

Data Stratification Requirements (§ 437.10)

- <u>Final Rule</u> establishes requirements for stratification of Core Set measures by race, ethnicity, sex, age, rural/urban status, disability, language, or other factors.
 - Phase-in of measures requiring stratification:
 - Year 1 (2024): Optional for stratification
 - Year 2 (2025): 25% of measures will be stratified
 - Year 3 (2026) and 4 (2027): 50% of measures will be stratified
 - Year 5 (2028): 100% of measures will be stratified
 - Reporting guidance will identify:
 - Measures to be stratified for each Core Set
 - Factors by which measures should be stratified

Identifies health disparities among Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries

Reporting for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (§§ 437.15 and 457.700)

- <u>Final Rule</u> establishes that States with a separate CHIP must report on Child
 Core Set measures in two categories (change from proposed rule):
 - Separate CHIP (Title XXI); and
 - Medicaid inclusive of CHIP-funded Medicaid expansion (Titles XIX and XXI).

Ensures all children are included in quality reporting

Annual Reporting Guidance (§ 437.10)

- <u>Final Rule</u> establishes that CMS will provide annual reporting guidance to States that identifies the following:
 - Measure Specific Information including measures subject to mandatory reporting; that CMS will report on for States; that States may elect to have CMS report for them; and that are subject to stratification requirements.
 - Populations that States have the option to report on (all other populations are mandatory).
 - Factors for stratification (examples: race, sex, age, urban/rural).
 - Guidance on how to collect and calculate data on the Core Sets and report data
 - Guidance on how a State may request a 1-year exemption for reporting one or more Child and/or Adult Core Set measures for specific populations if unable to obtain access to necessary data despite making reasonable efforts.

State Compliance for Mandatory Reporting

Compliance Requirements (§ 437.10)

- <u>Final Rule</u> establishes compliance requirements for mandatory reporting of the Core Sets:
 - Requires States to adhere to CMS-issued reporting guidance.
 - Requires States to utilize a standardized format for reporting Core Set data to CMS.
 - Establishes attribution rules for determining how States must report on measures for beneficiaries who are in multiple programs and/or delivery systems during a measurement year.

Establishes consistent standards for all States

State Plan Requirements (§ 437.20)

- <u>Final Rule</u> establishes that States must submit an updated State plan by December 31, 2024.
- The State plan must specify that:
 - The agency will report on the Child and Adult Core Sets adhering to CMS issued reporting guidance.
 - The agency will report on applicable Health Home Core Set(s) if health home services are covered.

Ensures consistent standards for all States

Technical Assistance (TA)

- CMS will provide TA to States during the transition to mandatory reporting and for future annual reporting.
 - CMS provides ongoing TA to States to improve measure reporting, measure performance, quality of care delivered to beneficiaries, and the use of measures to gauge the effectiveness of quality improvement efforts.
 - One-on-one TA is available.
- CMS regularly hosts webinars and <u>learning collaboratives</u> in specific quality areas.
- To request technical assistance email: MACQualityTA@cms.hhs.gov

Questions?