

# **SUMMARY OF UPDATES TO THE 1945 HEALTH HOME CORE SET MEASURES 2026 CORE SET TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND RESOURCE MANUAL JANUARY 2026**

## **Overall Changes**

- Updated the reporting year to 2026, and data collection timeframe to 2025.
- Updated specifications, value set codes, copyright, and table source information to HEDIS Measurement Year (MY) 2025 Vol. 2 for all HEDIS measures.

## **I. The Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures for 1945 Medicaid Health Home Programs**

- Inserted information about updates to the 2026 Health Home Core Set.

## **II. Data Collection and Reporting of the 1945 Health Home Core Set**

- Updated guidance related to 2026 stratified reporting requirements to note the additional measures subject to mandatory stratified reporting for 2026 Core Set reporting. More information about stratified reporting requirements is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/QMR-stratification-resource.pdf>.
- Removed the hospice and deceased beneficiary exclusion language from Chapter II, as this guidance is contained within each individual measure as applicable.

## **III. Technical Specifications for the 1945 Health Home Core Set Measures**

### **Measure CBP-HH: Controlling High Blood Pressure**

- Revised required exclusions to include History of Nephrectomy to identify enrollees with end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

### **Measure FUA-HH: Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use: Age 18 and Older**

- Clarified that laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81) should not be included when identifying substance use disorder counseling and surveillance.

### **Measure FUH-HH: Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: Age 18 and Older**

- Modified the denominator criteria to allow intentional self-harm diagnoses to take any position on the acute inpatient discharge claim (not just the principal diagnosis).
- Added phobia, anxiety, and additional intentional self-harm diagnoses to the denominator in the event/diagnosis.
- Added visits with any diagnosis of a mental health disorder to the numerator.
- Added peer support and residential treatment services to the numerator.

### **Measure FUM-HH: Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness: Age 18 and Older**

- Modified the denominator criteria to allow intentional self-harm diagnoses to take any position on the claim (not just the principal diagnosis).
- Added phobia, anxiety and additional intentional self-harm diagnoses to the denominator in the event/diagnosis.
- Modified the numerator criteria to allow a mental health diagnosis to take any position on the claim (not just the principal diagnosis).
- Deleted visits that required both a mental health diagnosis and self-harm diagnosis from the numerator.
- Added peer support services and residential treatment to the numerator.
- Added visits in a behavioral healthcare setting and psychiatric collaborative care management services to the numerator.
- Deleted the mental health diagnosis requirement for partial hospitalization/intensive outpatient visits, community mental health center visits and electroconvulsive therapy.
- Clarified that an event that meets both the eligible population and numerator criteria should not be included in the numerator.

### **Measure IET-HH: Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

- Clarified that laboratory claims (claims with POS code 81) should not be included when identifying substance use disorder counseling and surveillance.

### **Measure OUD-HH: Use of Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder**

- Removed all restrictions on care settings for identifying the eligible population.

## **IV. Core Set Measures Reported Using Electronic Clinical Data Systems**

- Updated the clinical recommendation statement and citations.
- Clarified that there is no requirement that states must use all of the allowable ECDS data sources included in the specifications. Also, when reporting ECDS measures in the online reporting system, states are encouraged to indicate which types of ECDS data sources were used.