

HEDIS® Dental Provider Toolkit

Measurement Period
2026



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CADV HEDIS Measure

Child Annual Dental Visit



This performance measure assesses two indicators:

- The percentage of enrollees who were continuously enrolled during the calendar year and had at least one dental visit during the measurement period
- The percentage of enrollees with a live birth as defined by the Adult and Children's Core Set Contraceptive Care for Postpartum Women measure that had at least one dental visit during the measurement period

Initial population

Enrollees 2–20 years of age as of December 31st of the measurement period

Allowable gap

No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days (≤ 45 days). If continuous enrollment is verified monthly, the enrollee may not have more than a one-month gap in coverage.

Denominator exclusions

- Enrollees in hospice or using hospice services
- Enrollees who die any time during the measurement period

Important tips for closing the care gap

- Advise child/parents that child may be eligible to receive a gift card for going to the dentist for a cleaning. This can encourage enrollees to keep appointments once they are referred and scheduled with a dentist.
- Provide local primary care practitioners with your practice's contact information for easy patient referral.
- Encourage new patients to establish a dental home with your practice to ensure good routine oral healthcare and follow ups.
- Remind expectant mothers to make dental appointments for the baby either at the eruption of first tooth or by the age of one.
- Send parents reminders every six months to schedule for periodic exams, prophylaxis (cleanings), and fluoride treatments.
- Apply sealants on the first molars to prevent tooth decay.
- Refer to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at aapd.org for general recommendations on pediatric dental care.

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OED HEDIS Measure

Oral Evaluation, Dental Services



The percentage of enrollees under 21 years of age who received a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation with a dental provider during the measurement period

Initial population

Enrollees 1-20 years of age as of December 31st of the measurement period

Allowable gap

Continuous enrollment 180 days during the measurement period, no allowable gap

Denominator exclusions

- Enrollees in hospice or using hospice services
- Enrollees who die any time during the measurement period

Numerator codes

The following are a few approved codes that close the care gap.

For a complete list, please refer to the NCQA website at [NCQA.org](https://www.ncqa.org).

Category	Code	Description
CDT	D0120	Periodic oral evaluation – established patient
CDT	D0145	Oral evaluation for a patient under 3 years of age and counseling with primary caregiver (this is used in place of a comprehensive exam)
CDT	D0150	Comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient

Important tips for closing the care gap

- Provide local primary care providers with your practice's contact information for easy enrollee referral.
- Encourage new enrollees to establish a dental home with your practice to ensure good routine oral healthcare and follow ups, when the first tooth appears, and no later than their first birthday.
- Remind parents/guardians to brush child's teeth for two minutes, two times a day, and floss as soon as the teeth start touching.
- Supervise young child's toothbrushing.
- Remind expectant mothers to make dental appointments for the baby either at the eruption of the first tooth or by the age of one.
- Send parents reminders every six months to schedule for periodic exams, prophylaxis (cleanings), and fluoride treatments.
- Apply sealants on the first molars to prevent tooth decay.

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SFM HEDIS Measure

Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars



The percentage of enrolled children who have ever received sealants on permanent first molar teeth: (1) at least one sealant and (2) all four molars sealed by the 10th birthday

Initial population

Enrollees 6-9 years of age as of the last day of the measurement period

- At least one sealant in the 48 months prior to their 10th birthday
- All four molars sealed in the 48 months prior to their 10th birthday

Allowable gap

No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days (≤ 45 days) during the 12 months prior to the child's 10th birthday. To determine continuous enrollment for a Medicaid enrollee for whom enrollment is verified monthly, the enrollee may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., an enrollee whose coverage lapses for 2 months or 60 days is not considered continuously enrolled).

Denominator exclusions

Children that have any of the following services on all four of their permanent first molars in the 48 months prior to their 10th birthday will not be included in the measure.

- Enrollees who receive preventive resin restoration
- Enrollees who have any restorative service (including occlusal tooth surface restoration)
- Enrollees who have any endodontic service
- Enrollees that have any extractions
- Enrollees that have any prosthodontic service

SFM Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars

Numerator codes

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D Code	Tooth Number
D1351	3, 14, 19, 30

Important tips for closing the care gap

- If transportation is an issue for keeping appointments, offer some of the following resources in the state of Pennsylvania:
 - Non-emergent medical transportation: Enrollees or parents can call Modivcare at **1-866-824-1567** for assistance with rides to dental appointments.
 - Refer parents to school based dental programs in their area so their child can be seen during the school day.
- Begin educating parents on the importance of sealant application on their child's first permanent molars from the time they initiate care in your office.
 - Typically, children should get sealants on their permanent molars and premolars as soon as these teeth come in. In this way, the sealants can protect the teeth through the cavity-prone years of ages 6 to 14.
- Partner with the health plan on enrollee outreach and education regarding sealants:
 - Why sealants are important
 - How sealants are applied
 - Share that this service is covered by the health plan
- Set up events where education on oral health and sealants are offered, as well as scheduling with patients who get sealants applied.
- Partner with local pediatric offices and educate families on the linkage between good oral health and physical health.

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TFC HEDIS Measure

Topical Fluoride for Children



The percentage of children 1–4 years of age who had at least two fluoride varnish applications during the measurement period

Initial population

Enrollees 1–4 years of age as of the last day of the measurement period

Allowable gap

No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days (≤ 45 days) during the measurement period. To determine continuous enrollment for a Medicaid beneficiary for whom enrollment is verified monthly, the enrollee may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (e.g., an enrollee whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled). No gap on the last day of the measurement period (December 31st).

Denominator exclusions

- Enrollees in hospice or using hospice services
- Enrollees who die any time during the measurement period

Numerator codes

The following are a few approved codes that close the care gap.

For a complete list, please refer to the NCQA website at [NCQA.org](https://www.ncqa.org).

Category	Code	Description
CDT	D1206	Topical application of fluoride varnish
CPT	99188	Topical application of fluoride varnish
SNOMED CT	313042009	Topical application of fluoride varnish

TFC Topical Fluoride for Children

Important tips for closing the care gap

- Coordinate care between the primary care physician or pediatrician, and the dental provider for the enrollee to ensure the fluoride varnish is being applied during dental evaluations.
- Initiate oral health risk assessments at 6 months of age.
- Ensure all fluoride applications are documented in the medical or dental record.
- Send parents reminders every six months to schedule for periodic exams, prophylaxis (cleanings), and fluoride treatments.
- Apply sealants on the first molars to prevent tooth decay.
- For some general recommendations on pediatric dental care you can refer to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at aapd.org.

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