BACKGROUND RESOURCES ON THE CHILD AND ADULT CORE SETS

This resource list includes Core Set reporting and analytic resources as well as other quality measurement resources. We hope these resources will provide helpful background about the Child and Adult Core Sets.

Core Set Reporting Years and the Annual Review Cycle

First, it might be helpful to understand the Core Set reporting and review cycle, as we work on multiple years simultaneously. The resources listed cover one or more of these reporting years.

- The most recent publicly reported data is for the **2018 Core Sets**; information for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 reporting cycle was released by CMCS in September 2019. Links are provided below.

- State reporting of data for the **2019 Core Sets** is in process; data will be released in the fall of 2020.

- The technical specifications and related resources for the **2020 Core Sets** were released in April 2020.

- The final report of the 2020 Core Set Annual Stakeholder Review, containing recommendations for the **2020 Core Set**, is available at https://www.mathematica.org/MACCoreSetReview.

- The CMCS Informational Bulletin describing updates to the **2020 Core Sets** and 2020 Core Set measure lists were released in November 2019.

Core Set Reporting Resources

The following resources related to 2020 Adult and Child Core Set measure reporting are available on Medicaid.gov.

- The **CMCS Informational Bulletin (November 2019)** describes changes to the 2020 Child and Adult Core Sets and the rationale for these updates.

- **2020 Child and Adult Core Set** measure lists show the 2020 measures, measure steward, National Quality Forum (NQF) number, if applicable, and the data collection method.

- The **FFY 2020 Core Set Technical Specifications and Resource Manuals** describe the history of the Core Sets, provide general information on data collection and reporting, and include technical specifications and measure-specific reporting guidance for each measure included in the 2020 Core Sets.

- A **Summary of Updates** describes the changes between the FFY 2019 and FFY 2020 resource manuals.

- **FFY 2020 Data Quality Checklists** help states improve the completeness, accuracy, consistency, and documentation of data reported for the Core Set measures. The checklists include common issues noted in reviewing state data, and help states review the data entered in MACPro, the web-based reporting system for Core Set data.

- **FFY 2020 Core Set Measurement Period Tables** specify the measurement period for the denominators, numerators, and continuous enrollment periods for each Core Set measure.

Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
CMCS Informational Bulletin: 2020 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets	CMCS Informational Bulletin: 2020 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets
2020 Child Core Set	2020 Adult Core Set
FFY 2020 Technical Specifications and Resource Manual	FFY 2020 Technical Specifications and Resource Manual
FFY 2020 Summary of Changes	FFY 2020 Summary of Changes
FFY 2020 Data Quality Checklist	FFY 2020 Data Quality Checklist
FFY 2020 Measurement Period Table	FFY 2020 Measurement Period Table

Core Set Measure Performance

As noted earlier, FFY 2018 is the most recent year of public reporting. The following resources are available on Medicaid.gov at the links shown in the table below:

- **The Summary Fact Sheet** provides a two-page overview of findings from FFY 2018 reporting of the Child and Adult Core Sets.

- **The Trending Criteria Methods Brief** provides an overview of criteria for using the Child and Adult Core Set measures to assess trends in state performance.

- **The Child and Adult Core Set Chart Packs** summarize state reporting on all 2018 Child and Adult Core Set measures; they also provide summary performance data on frequently reported measures, including trends in state performance.

- **Performance on the Child and Adult Core Set Measures** is presented through measure-specific tables that detail population, methodology, denominator, and rate for each reporting state. These tables are available for each frequently reported measure, which is defined as being reported by 25 or more states and which met CMS's standards for data quality.

- **Child and Adult Quality Measures Datasets** are raw data files that provide summary and state-level performance data on frequently reported Child and Adult Core Set measures.

These resources are available for each Core Set at the links below:

Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
Child Core Set Home Page	Adult Core Set Home Page
Summary Fact Sheet: Quality of Care for Children and Adults in Medicaid and CHIP: Overview of Findings from the 2018 Child and Adult Core Sets	Summary Fact Sheet: Quality of Care for Children and Adults in Medicaid and CHIP: Overview of Findings from the 2018 Child and Adult Core Sets
Criteria for Using the Child and Adult Core Set Measures to Assess Trends in State Performance in Medicaid and CHIP, FFY 2018	Criteria for Using the Child and Adult Core Set Measures to Assess Trends in State Performance in Medicaid and CHIP, FFY 2018
2019 Child Core Set Chart Pack, FFY 2018	2019 Adult Core Set Chart Pack, FFY 2018
Performance on the Child Core Set Measures, FFY 2018	Performance on the Adult Core Set Measures, FFY 2018
Child Health Quality Measures Dataset, FFY 2018	Adult Health Quality Measures Dataset, FFY 2018

Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard

The Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard was released in 2018 to increase public transparency about the programs' administration and outcomes. Pillar I of the Scorecard, State Health System Performance, includes publicly-reported measures that show how states serve Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries across the life span.

- Information about the Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/index.html.

- The current version of the Scorecard is based on the November 2019 release and generally uses FFY 2018 data.

- While many of the measures in Pillar 1 of the Scorecard are included in the Child and Adult Core Sets, not all measures in the Child and Adult Core Sets are included in the Scorecard.

Beyond the Core Set Measures

- **The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT)** is a repository of information about the measures that CMS uses to promote health care quality and quality improvement. The

searchable database provides information on more than 2,000 measures, including title, numerator, denominator, exclusions, type, status, use in federal and other programs, measure steward, health care priorities, and other attributes. The tool is available at https://cmit.cms.gov/.

- **The National Quality Forum's (NQF) Quality Positioning System (QPS)** is a web-based tool that allows users to search and compare NQF-endorsed measures. Searches can be filtered by measure type, endorsement status, measure steward, use in federal programs, data source, and clinical condition. The tool is available at http://www.qualityforum.org/qps/.

- CMS launched its **meaningful measures initiative** in 2017 to identify high priority areas for quality measurement and improvement. Information on the framework and measurement areas is available at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityInitiativesGenInfo/MMF/General-info-Sub-Page.html

For More Information

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