

2021 Core Set of Children’s Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and CHIP (Child Core Set)

NQF #	Measure Steward	Measure Name	Data Collection Method
Primary Care Access and Preventive Care			
0024	NCQA	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC-CH)	Administrative, hybrid, or EHR
0033	NCQA	Chlamydia Screening in Women Ages 16 to 20 (CHL-CH)	Administrative or EHR
0038	NCQA	Childhood Immunization Status (CIS-CH)	Administrative, hybrid, or EHR
0418*/0418e*	CMS	Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan: Ages 12 to 17 (CDF-CH) [^]	Administrative or EHR
1392	NCQA	Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30-CH)**	Administrative
1407	NCQA	Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA-CH)	Administrative or hybrid
1448*	OHSU	Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV-CH)	Administrative or hybrid
1516	NCQA	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV-CH)***	Administrative
Maternal and Perinatal Health			
1360	CDC	Audiological Diagnosis No Later Than 3 Months of Age (AUD-CH)	EHR
1382	CDC	Live Births Weighing Less Than 2,500 Grams (LBW-CH)	State vital records
1517*	NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care (PPC-CH)	Administrative or hybrid
2902	OPA	Contraceptive Care – Postpartum Women Ages 15 to 20 (CCP-CH)	Administrative
2903/2904	OPA	Contraceptive Care – All Women Ages 15 to 20 (CCW-CH)	Administrative
NA	CDC	Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery (LRCD-CH)****	State vital records
Care of Acute and Chronic Conditions			
1800	NCQA	Asthma Medication Ratio: Ages 5 to 18 (AMR-CH)	Administrative
NA	NCQA	Ambulatory Care: Emergency Department (ED) Visits (AMB-CH)	Administrative
Behavioral Health Care			
0108	NCQA	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Medication (ADD-CH) [^]	Administrative or EHR
0576	NCQA	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness: Ages 6 to 17 (FUH-CH) [^]	Administrative
2800	NCQA	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APM-CH) [^]	Administrative
2801	NCQA	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APP-CH) [^]	Administrative
Dental and Oral Health Services			
NA	CMS	Percentage of Eligibles Who Received Preventive Dental Services (PDENT-CH)	Administrative (Form CMS-416)
NA	DQA (ADA)	Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars (SFM-CH)*****	Administrative

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Experience of Care			
0006*****	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 2021 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib111920.pdf>. A resource that provides a history of the measures included in the Child and Adult Core Sets is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/core-set-history-table.pdf>.

* This measure is no longer endorsed by NQF.

** The Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life (W15-CH) measure was modified by the measure steward. It now includes two rates: (1) six or more well-child visits in the first 15 months and (2) two or more well-child visits from 15 to 30 months. The NQF number refers to the endorsement of the W15-CH measure.

*** The Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Years of Life (W34-CH) and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (AWC-CH) measures were modified by the measure steward into a combined measure that includes rates for Ages 3 to 11, 12 to 17, 18 to 21, and a total rate. The NQF number refers to the endorsement of the W34-CH measure.

**** The Low-Risk Cesarean Delivery (LRCD-CH) measure replaced the PC-02: Cesarean Birth measure in the 2021 Child Core Set. To reduce state burden and report a cesarean birth measure consistently across all states, CMS will calculate the LRCD-CH measure on behalf of states using National Vital Statistics System Natality data that are submitted by states and obtained through CDC Wide-ranging Online Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER) starting in FFY 2021.

***** This measure was added to the 2021 Child Core Set. It replaces the Dental Sealants for 6–9 Year-Old Children at Elevated Caries Risk (SEAL-CH) measure, which was retired by the measure steward.

***** AHRQ is the measure steward for the survey instrument in the Child Core Set (NQF #0006) and NCQA is the developer of the survey administration protocol.

^ This measure is part of the Behavioral Health Core Set. The complete list of 2021 Behavioral Health Core Set measures is available at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2021-bh-core-set.pdf>.

AHRQ = Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality; CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CHIP = Children's Health Insurance Program; CMS = Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; DQA (ADA) = Dental Quality Alliance (American Dental Association); EHR = Electronic Health Record; NA = Measure is not NQF endorsed; NCQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance; NQF = National Quality Forum; OHSU = Oregon Health and Science University; OPA = U.S. Office of Population Affairs.