

HEDIS® Tip Sheet

Children and Adolescents' Access to Primary Care Practitioners (CAP)

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) developed Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures as a tool for performance improvement. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas collects HEDIS data from providers to measure and improve the quality of care our members receive. The NCQA recommends tracking the HEDIS CAP measure.

Why Is the HEDIS CAP Measure Important?

Delivering high-quality primary care services to children reduces non-urgent emergency room visits. Timely primary care services can ensure proper screening, appropriate treatment and preventive services.¹

CAP Measure Description

The measure reports on four age categories and the percentage in each who visited a primary care practitioner (PCP):²

- 12 to 24 months old who visited a PCP during the measurement year
- 25 months to 6 years old who visited a PCP during the measurement year
- 7 to 11 years old who visited a PCP during the past two years
- 12 to 19 years old who visited a PCP during the past two years

Medical Record Documentation and Best Practices

- Discuss with our members the importance of timely primary care visits to ensure proper screening, appropriate treatment and preventive services
- Reach out to members who cancel or miss appointments and help them reschedule as soon as possible
- Devote time during each visit to review or catch up on late or missing immunizations
- Document any and all anticipatory guidance discussions, milestones and age appropriate topics
- Consider a telemedicine assessment to meet the requirements of this measure

Coding Instructions

Use CPT®, HCPCS and ICD-10 to close care gaps

CPT Codes

99201-5, 99211-5, 99241-5, 99341-5, 99347-50, 99381-7, 99391-7, 99401-4

HCPCS

Hospital outpatient clinic visit for assessment and management: G0463

Clinic visit/encounter, all-inclusive: T1015

ICD-10

Encounters for the following situations

General adult medical exam without abnormal findings: Z00.00-01

Health exam, newborn < 8 days old: Z00.110

Health exam, newborn 8 to 28 days old: Z00.111

Routine child health exam with abnormal findings: Z00.121

Routine child health exam without abnormal findings: Z00.129

Other general examination: Z00.8

Examination for participation in sport: Z02.5

Examination for insurance purposes: Z02.6

Health supervision and care of founding: Z76.1-2

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1 NCQA HEDIS 2020, HEDIS measure for CAP, accessed 6/3/2020; <https://www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures/children-and-adolescents-access-to-primary-care-practitioners-cap/>

2 NCQA HEDIS 2020 Technical specifications for health plans, volume 2, Washington DC, 2020
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