

HEDIS Changes for Measurement Year 2020 and 2021

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is a set of standard measures used in managed care to evaluate the services and quality of care that health plans deliver to enrolled members. These measures are developed and maintained by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

NCQA has made several changes to the HEDIS standard set of quality measures for the Measurement Year (MY) 2020 and 2021. Below are some key changes.

- HEDIS will now be referenced by the “Measurement Year” (MY) and not by “reporting year.”
- MY 2020 and 2021 technical specifications were released together to catch up with the new release schedule.
- Technical specifications will be released prior to the measurement year to allow for vendors and health plans to adjust their measurement methodology and plan interventions.

Measure Revisions for MY 2020 and 2021

- The former well-child visits in the first 15 months of life (W15) measure is revised to well-child visits in the first 30 months of life (W30).
- Two well-visit measures – well-child visits in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth years of life (W34) and adolescent well-care visits (AWC) – have been combined into child and adolescent well-care visits (WCV).
- New value sets were added to the following measures – controlling high blood pressure, cervical cancer screening, breast cancer screening, comprehensive diabetes care, follow-up after emergency department visit for alcohol and other drug abuse or dependence, and initiation and engagement of alcohol and other drug abuse or dependence treatment.
- Telephone visits and online assessment value sets were added to some measures, including SAA, SSD, ADD, FUH, FUM, AMM, SMC, SMD, CBP, SPR, BCS, CDC, and others.
- Age criteria were modified for two measures; well-child visits in the first 30 months of life (15–30 months), and child and adolescent well-care visits (3–21 years).



New Measures

- Cardiac rehabilitation (CRE) – This measure helps to identify the members who attended cardiac rehabilitation following a qualifying cardiac event, including myocardial infarction, percutaneous coronary intervention, coronary artery bypass grafting, heart and heart/lung transplantation or heart valve repair/ replacement.
- Kidney health evaluation for patients with diabetes (KED) – This measure helps to identify the members with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who received a kidney health evaluation.
- Osteoporosis screening in older women (OSW) – This measure helps to identify the women who received osteoporosis screening.

Altruista's GuidingCare and HEDIS

The Altruista GuidingCare® technology platform for care management and population health has the capability to determine eligibility and compliance for a subset of HEDIS measures. GuidingCare has also achieved HEDIS AA certification for a subset of measures under the new Rules for Allowable Adjustments from NCQA. These include measures in pediatrics, behavioral health and certain chronic conditions. The measure criteria are updated annually to reflect the changes made by NCQA to the standard HEDIS technical specifications. [▲](#)

Retired Measures

- Adult BMI assessment (ABA).
- Medication management for people with asthma (MMA 50 percent and 75 percent).
- Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug therapy for rheumatoid arthritis (ART) (*This measure is reported for MY 2020 but is retired for MY 2021*).
- Children and adolescents' access to primary care practitioners (CAP).
- Comprehensive diabetes care – HbA1C less than 7 and medical attention for nephropathy indicators are retired.

GuidingCare Supports HEDIS

Analyze Data

A physician dashboard with drill-down capabilities enables an efficient display of gaps in care explicitly for members, care organizations or custom filters.

Benchmark Goals

The Population Health module enables users to configure target benchmarks across providers, practices, organizations and national statistics.

Resolve Opportunities

Users can not only see opportunities, but schedule follow-up activities to address gaps, perform and track activities, and follow up with communications and letters. All are performed seamlessly on one platform, resolving variations in care and improving financial management.

Manage Incentives

Users can group measures with financial incentives for quality and other pay-for-performance metrics.

Report Data

With the embedded Business Intelligence module, users can extract specific reports for analysis, planning, quality reporting and improvisation.

For the complete list of changes, visit the [NCQA website](#).

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