



Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2020 & 2021 Measures

Measure Description: The percentage of children newly prescribed attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder ADHD medication who had at least three follow-up care visits within a 10-month period, one of which was within 30 days of when the first ADHD medication was dispensed. Two rates are reported.

Initiation Phase

The percentage of members 6–12 years of age with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication, who had one follow-up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority during the 30 days following the prescription start date.

Continuation and Maintenance C&M Phase

The percentage of members 6–12 years of age with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication, who remained on the medication for at least 210 days and who, in addition to the visit in the Initiation Phase, had at least two follow-up visits with a practitioner within 270 days (9 months) after the Initiation Phase ended.

Eligible Population

Ages: Six years as of March 1 of the year prior to the measurement year to 12 years as of the last calendar day of February of the measurement year.

Strategies for Improvement

- Utilize NCQA coding tips to actively reflect care rendered.
- If you prescribe a medication used for ADHD, consider limiting the first prescription to a 30-day supply.

- Educate the parent or guardian that the child must be seen within 30 days of starting the medication to evaluate if the medication is working as expected and assess any adverse effects.
- Verify the parent or guardian understands the requirement above and keeps the appointment for re-fill prescriptions.
- Discuss the importance of follow-up appointments with the parent/guardian and ensure that the child has at least two additional follow-up appointments with a medical provider or a behavioral health provider in the 9 months after the initial 30 days.

ADHD Medications

Description	Prescription
CNS stimulants	Dexamethylphenidate Dextroamphetamine Lisdexamfetamine Methamphetamine Methylphenidate
Alpha-2 receptor agonists	Clonidine Guanfacine
Miscellaneous ADHD medications	Atomoxetine

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Numerator codes

The ADD measure relies exclusively on administrative data. Correct claim coding is of utmost importance.

Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication ADD contains a large list of approved NCQA codes used to identify the service or condition included in the measure.

The following are just a few of the approved codes. For a complete list please refer to the NCQA website at [NCQA.org](https://www.ncqa.org).

Any of the following codes billed by a practitioner with prescribing authority may be used.

CPT	Recommended Codes
Behavioral Health Outpatient Visits	98960- 98962, 99078, 99201-99205, 99211-99215, 99241-99245
Observation Visits	99217-99220
Telephone Visits	98966-98968, 99441-99443
Online Assessments	98969-98972; 99421-99423; 99444; 99458