



Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging
Services Administration
Bureau of Specialty Behavioral Health
Services

PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLANS

MEASURE SPECIFICATION:

***Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder
Treatment (IET-AD) & (IET-CH)***

FY 2025

**IET-AD: INITIATION AND ENGAGEMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
TREATMENT**

| MEASURE | |
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| <p>Percentage of beneficiaries age 18 to 64 with a new episode of alcohol or other drug (AOD) abuse or dependence during the measurement period who initiated or engaged in treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of AOD Treatment. Percentage of beneficiaries who initiated treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization, telehealth, or medication treatment within 14 days of the diagnosis. • Engagement of AOD Treatment. Percentage of beneficiaries who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional AOD services or medication treatment within 34 days of the initiation visit. | |
| MINIMUM STANDARD | |
| <p>This will be measured against a minimum of 40% at initiation and 14% at engagement.</p> | |
| ELIGIBLE POPULATION | |
| Age | Age 18 to 64 as of December 31 of the measurement year. |
| AOD diagnosis cohorts | <p>Report the following diagnosis cohorts for both the 14- and 34-day measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol abuse or dependence • Opioid abuse or dependence • Other drug abuse or dependence • Total AOD abuse or dependence |
| Continuous Enrollment | 194 days prior to the index episode start date (IESD) through 47 days after the IESD (242 total days). |
| Allowable Gap | No allowable gap during the continuous enrollment period. |
| Anchor Date | None. |
| Event/Diagnosis | <p>Definition of index episode start date (IESD): New episodes of SUD occurring more than 47 days before the end of the measurement period, to allow time for the follow-up visits to occur. See CMS specifications related to the following 6 steps: Step 1 - Identify all SUD episodes. Step 2 - Test for Negative SUD Diagnosis History. Exclude SUD episodes if there was an encounter in any setting other than an ED visit or a medically managed withdrawal event with a diagnosis of SUD during the 194 days prior to the SUD Episode Date. Step 3 - Test for Negative SUD Medication History. Step 4 - Exclude SUD Episodes that do not meet continuous enrollment criteria.</p> |

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| | Step 5 - Deduplicate eligible episodes. If a beneficiary has more than one eligible episode on the same day, include only one eligible episode. Step 6- Identify the SUD diagnosis cohort for each SUD Episode. |
| Exclusions | Dual enrolled Medicare/Medicaid and Spenddown beneficiaries are excluded. Beneficiaries in hospice are excluded from the eligible population. Beneficiaries who died during the measurement period are excluded |
| ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICATIONS | |
| Denominator | The eligible population as defined. The denominator is the same for both 14- and 34-day measures: |
| Numerator 1 - Initiation of AOD Treatment | Follow-up service that meets CMS measure specifications for AOD treatment within 14 days of the IESD (index episode start date). |
| Numerator 2 - Engagement of AOD treatment | Evidence of treatment engagement that meets CMS measure specifications for SUD treatment within 34 days of the IESD. |
| <i>Numerator Note</i> | <i>If the beneficiary is compliant for multiple diagnosis cohorts, only count the beneficiary once for the Total Engagement numerator. The Total rate is not the sum of the diagnosis cohorts.</i> |
| <i>Additional codes</i> | No additional codes have been added by MDHHS. |
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| DATA ELEMENTS | |

Data is extracted from the Medicaid Data Warehouse.

Please refer to the *Core Set of Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid (Adult Core Set) Technical Specifications and Resource Manual for Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Reporting*:

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NCQA's Medication List Directory (MLD) of NDC codes for Medication Treatment for Alcohol Abuse or Dependence Medications and Medication Treatment for Opioid Abuse or Dependence Medications can be found at [NCQA > HEDIS MY 2024 Medication List Directory](#)

The electronic specification from Health IT.gov is located on the eCQI resource center webpage at <https://ecqi.healthit.gov>

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The plan-specific percentages will be electronically transmitted to each PIHP and will be available in CC360.

MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY

Quarterly

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IET-CH: INITIATION AND ENGAGEMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

| MEASURE | |
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| <p>Percentage of beneficiaries age 13 to 17 with a new episode of alcohol or other drug (AOD) abuse or dependence during the measurement period who initiated or engaged in treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of AOD Treatment. Percentage of beneficiaries who initiated treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization, telehealth, or medication treatment within 14 days of the diagnosis. • Engagement of AOD Treatment. Percentage of beneficiaries who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional AOD services or medication treatment within 34 days of the initiation visit. | |
| MINIMUM STANDARD | |
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| ELIGIBLE POPULATION | |
| Age | Age 13 to 17 as of December 31 of the measurement year. |
| AOD diagnosis cohorts | <p>Report the following diagnosis cohorts for both the 14- and 34-day measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol abuse or dependence • Opioid abuse or dependence • Other drug abuse or dependence • Total AOD abuse or dependence |
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