Ad-Hoc HEDIS MY 2027 Updates Public Comment

The following template lists all measures proposed for retirement from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) in Measurement Year (MY) 2027. Each proposed measure includes space for inputting responses.

Documented Assessment After Mammogram (DBM-E)

Support: More broadly, we support an overall reduction in the number of measures and a redoubled focus on continuous improvement on the high-impact metrics that reduce morbidity and improve health and well-being. We'd encourage NCQA to keep applying this same parsimonious, outcomes-first lens as it continues to evolve the HEDIS collection.

Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OED)

Support: We support the retirement of this measure. The current measure duplicates CMIT # 897 (Oral Evaluation, Dental Services- OEV/CH/HHA), which is already a mandatory measure under the CMS Medicaid and CHIP Child Core Set and 1945Q Health Home Core Set that has an identical measure specification and steward (ADA/DQA). Retiring OED from HEDIS eliminates duplicative reporting burden for Medicaid managed care plans. The federally mandated Child Core Set retains visibility into oral evaluation performance for Medi-Cal and other Medicaid populations. California public purchasers (California Department of Health Care Services, Covered California and the California Public Employees' Retirement System) have long recognized the value of aligning measures across lines of business and across purchasers as a means of reducing administrative burdens while preserving accountability. Aligning with a focused, shared measure set reduces fragmentation and duplicative reporting for plans while still allowing purchasers to hold them accountable for the outcomes that matter most.

Topical Fluoride for Children (TFC)

Support: We support the retirement of this measure. The current measure duplicates CMIT #1672 (Prevention: Topical Fluoride for Children), which is already a mandatory measure under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Child Core Set and 1945Q Health Home Core Set that has an identical measure specification and steward (ADA/DQA). Retiring TFC from HEDIS eliminates duplicative reporting burden for Medicaid managed care plans. The federally mandated Child Core Set retains visibility into Topical Fluoride performance for Medi-Cal and other Medicaid populations.

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Diagnosed Mental Health Disorders (DMH)

Do Not Support: While we agree this is a descriptive population measure that does not, on its own, provide a directional quality signal or drive improvement, we do not support retirement and encourage NCQA to ensure behavioral health and substance use care remain visible in the absence of other measures.

Diagnosed Substance Use Disorders (DSU)

Do Not Support: While we agree this is a descriptive population measure that does not, on its own, provide a directional quality signal or drive improvement, we do not support retirement and encourage NCQA to ensure behavioral health and substance use care remain visible in the absence of other measures.

Diabetes Monitoring for People With Diabetes and Schizophrenia (SMD)

Support: We're encouraged that NCQA is exploring a more comprehensive quality measure for serious mental illness, and we would welcome the opportunity to weigh in as work develops.

Cardiovascular Monitoring for People With Cardiovascular Disease and Schizophrenia (SMC)

Support: We're encouraged that NCQA is exploring a more comprehensive quality measure for serious mental illness, and we would welcome the opportunity to weigh in as work develops.

Use of Opioids at High Dosage (HDO)

No Comment: N/A

Risk of Continued Opioid Use (COU)

Support: N/A

Language Description of Membership (LDM)

Do Not Support: We do not support retiring this measure. We encourage NCQA to preserve visibility into the diversity of languages spoken by members and plan performance on language access. We would welcome the opportunity to partner with NCQA as it continues to evolve its approach to language data, data capture, and mapping standards to benefit plans and purchasers.