

Dental Caries in Children: Prevention & Disease Management

Fully accepted as tested for feasibility, reliability and validity by the DQA

Measure Set Summary: Evaluating Program/ Plan Performance

| Purpose | Measure | AHRQ Domain |
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| Evaluating Utilization | Use of Services ¹ | Use of Services |
| | Preventive Services | Use of Services |
| | Treatment Services | Use of Services |
| Evaluating Quality of Care | Oral Evaluation ¹ | Access/Process |
| | Topical Fluoride ¹ | Access/Process |
| | Sealant use in 6-9 years ¹ | Access/Process |
| | Sealant use in 10-14 years ¹ | Access/Process |
| | Care Continuity | Access/Process |
| | Usual Source of Services | Access/Process |
| | Ambulatory Care Sensitive ED Visits for Dental Caries ² | Outcome |
| | Follow-up after ED Visit for Dental Caries ² | Process |
| | eMeasure: Oral Health Care Continuity for Children 2-20 Years ³ | Process |
| | eMeasure: Oral Health Sealants for Children 6-9 Years ⁴ | Process |
| Evaluating Cost | Per-Member Per-Month Cost | Cost |

¹ Plan/ Program Level NQF Endorsed Measures

² Plan/Program Level Measures currently under review by the NQF for endorsement

³ Electronic Practice Level Clinical Quality Measures



Key Features

- Developed and endorsed by the dental community through the DQA
- Comprehensive set to understand a range of complementary aspects of utilization, quality and cost
- Validated through rigorous studies. Tested for feasibility, validity, reliability and usability based on the CHIPRA Pediatric Quality Measures Program Application Criteria as well as the National Quality Forum criteria
- Detailed specifications and user guide to allow uniform implementation and reliable comparisons
- Technical support for implementation provided upon request
- Applicable across public and private plans/programs
- Provides continuity with the current CMS 416 while moving to more robust measures
- Aligns with current CMS oral health strategy to increase preventive services and increase sealant use

Measures and Specifications available at:

For more information on DQA, please use the following link: <http://www.ada.org/en/science-research/dental-quality-alliance>

NQF Endorsed Measures: <http://www.ada.org/en/science-research/dental-quality-alliance/dqa-measure-activities/measure-sets>

Additional pediatric measures: <http://www.ada.org/en/science-research/dental-quality-alliance/dqa-measure-activities/additional-pediatric-measures>