

MEASURE CAP-CH: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS' ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE PRACTITIONERS

National Committee for Quality Assurance

A. DESCRIPTION

Percentage of children and adolescents ages 12 months to age 19 who had a visit with a primary care practitioner (PCP). Four separate percentages are reported:

- Children ages 12 to 24 months and 25 months to age 6 who had a visit with a PCP during the measurement year
- Children ages 7 to 11 and adolescents ages 12 to 19 who had a visit with a PCP during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year

Data Collection Method: Administrative

Guidance for Reporting:

- Include all paid, suspended, pending, and denied claims.
- Beneficiaries in hospice are excluded from the eligible population. For additional information, refer to the hospice exclusion guidance in Section II. Data Collection and Reporting of the Child Core Set.
- Refer to [Appendix C](#) for the definition of a PCP.

The following coding systems are used in this measure: CPT, HCPCS, ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM, and UB. Refer to the Acknowledgments section at the beginning of the manual for copyright information.

B. ELIGIBLE POPULATION

Age	<p>Ages 12 months to age 19 as of December 31 of the measurement year. Report four age stratifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 12 to 24 months old as of December 31 of the measurement year. Include all children who are at least 12 months old but younger than 25 months old during the measurement year (i.e., born on or between December 1, 2016, and December 31, 2017). • Ages 25 months to age 6 as of December 31 of the measurement year. Include all children who are at least age 2 and 31 days old but not older than age 6 during the measurement year (i.e., born on or between January 1, 2012 and November 30, 2016). • Ages 7 to 11 as of December 31 of the measurement year • Ages 12 to 19 as of December 31 of the measurement year
Continuous enrollment	<p>For ages 12 to 24 months, ages 25 months to age 6: The measurement year.</p> <p>For ages 7 to 11, ages 12 to 19: The measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year.</p>

Allowable gap	For ages 12 to 24 months, ages 25 months to age 6: No more than one gap in continuous enrollment of up to 45 days during the measurement year. For ages 7 to 11, ages 12 to 19: No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days during each year of continuous enrollment. To determine continuous enrollment for a beneficiary for whom enrollment is verified monthly, the child/adolescent may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., a child/adolescent whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled) during each year of continuous enrollment.
Anchor date	December 31 of the measurement year.
Benefit	Medical.
Event/diagnosis	None.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICATION

Denominator

The eligible population as defined above.

Numerators

For ages 12 to 24 months, ages 25 months to age 6: One or more visits with a PCP (Ambulatory Visits Value Set) during the measurement year.

For ages 7 to 11, ages 12 to 19: One or more visits with a PCP (Ambulatory Visits Value Set) during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.

Count all children/adolescents who had an ambulatory or preventive care visit to any PCP.

Exclude specialist visits.