

Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) Quality Measure – Compliance Tips and Tools

This tip sheet was developed to help you understand the Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) Quality Improvement measure. It gives you information on treatments and tools to help you provide quality care that complies with the HEDIS measure.

What is the ADD HEDIS measure?

The ADD measure is called Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication. It is designed to increase the quality of care for children and adolescents being treated with medication for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). It highlights the importance of patient follow-up visits and continuity of care. The measure has two parts:

- **Initiation (first prescription):** Making sure patients have a follow-up visit with a prescribing doctor within 30 days of receiving a new ADHD medication.
- **Continuation and maintenance:** Making sure patients who continue ADHD medication treatment have two additional follow-up visits with a medical or behavioral health professional within nine months of the first follow-up visit.

Tips for treatment

Diagnose

ADHD care starts with a diagnosis. EmblemHealth endorses the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) clinical practice guidelines for treating ADHD. These guidelines provide detailed treatment recommendations including approved medications and screening tools. Find these guidelines and links to resources and helpful information at emblemhealth.com/providers. Scroll down and select “Clinical Corner.” Then click on the “Behavioral Health and Substance Use” tab.

Screen

The [NICHQ Vanderbilt Assessment Scales](#) is one of the screening tools endorsed by the AACAP. It can be completed by parents/

guardians, teachers, or both to help determine if ADHD-related symptoms are present. Additional screening tools can be found in the AACAP clinical practice guidelines mentioned above.

Help is available

EmblemHealth’s behavioral health partner, Beacon Health Options, is available to assist you. For general questions, call the Provider Relations Line at **800-397-1630**. If you need help with a diagnosis or deciding on the best treatment, you can call the Beacon Health Options PCP Consult Line at **877-241-5575**. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

If a patient is in need of in-network psychological services, have them call **888-447-2526**. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday. They can also use our “Find A Doctor” tool at emblemhealth.com/findadoctor. Note: Montefiore members should call **800-401-4822**.

Tips for HEDIS measure compliance

- Schedule the first follow-up visit while the patient is at your office for the initial prescription. This visit should take place within 30 days of the initial prescription.
- Consider writing the initial prescription for 21 or 30 days to encourage timely follow-up.
- Don’t refill medication unless the patient sees you for an office visit.
- Schedule the next follow-up visit while the patient is in your office.
- Refer patient for psychosocial care, if appropriate.

What counts as an office visit?

The following codes are deemed compliant for all three follow-up office visits:

ADD Stand Alone Follow Up Codes															
CPTCodes						HPCSCodes					UBREV Codes				
96150	99078	99213	99242	99345	99384	G0155	H0004	H2000	H2016		510	522	903		
96151	99201	99214	99243	99347	99391	G0176	H0031	H2001	H2017		513	523	904	915	
96152	99202	99215	99244	99348	99392	99404	G0177	H0034	H2010	H2018	S9484	515	526	905	916
96153	99203	99217	99245	99349	99393	99411	G0409	H0035	H2011	H2019	S9485	516	527	907	917
96154	99204	99218	99341	99350	99394	99412	G0410	H0036	H2012	H2020	T1015	517	528	911	919
98960	99205	99219	99342	99381	99401	99510	G0411	H0037	H2013	M0064		519	529	912	982
98961	99211	99220	99343	99382	99402		G0463	H0039	H2014	S0201		520	900	913	983
98962	99212	99241	99344	99383	99403		H0002	H0040	H2015	S9480		521	902	914	