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Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review Workgroup

Meeting to Review Measures for the 2026 Core Sets

Day 2

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Addition: Social Need Screening and Intervention

Description	The percentage of members who were screened, using prespecified instruments, at least once during the measurement period for unmet food, housing, and transportation needs, and received a corresponding intervention if they screened positive. Six rates are reported: 1. **Food Screening.** The percentage of members who were screened for food insecurity. 2. **Food Intervention.** The percentage of members who received a corresponding intervention within 30 days (1 month) of screening positive for food insecurity. 3. **Housing Screening.** The percentage of members who were screened for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy. 4. **Housing Intervention.** The percentage of members who received a corresponding intervention within 30 days (1 month) of screening positive for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy. 5. **Transportation Screening.** The percentage of members who were screened for transportation insecurity. 6. **Transportation Intervention.** The percentage of members who received a corresponding intervention within 30 days (1 month) of screening positive for transportation insecurity.
Measure steward	National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
Measure type	Process
Recommended to replace current measure?	No

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Data collection method	HEDIS® Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS). (Note: ECDS includes data from administrative claims, electronic health records, case management systems, and health information exchanges/clinical registries.)
Denominator	The measure includes denominators for six rates: 1. **Denominator 1 – Food Screening.** Members of any age enrolled at the start of the measurement period who also meet criteria for participation. Participation is defined as the identifiers and descriptors for each organization's coverage used to define members' eligibility for measure reporting. Participation includes both allocation and continuous enrollment criteria (*see next slide*). 2. **Denominator 2 – Food Intervention.** All members in numerator 1 with a positive food insecurity screen finding between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period. 3. **Denominator 3 – Housing Screening.** Members of any age enrolled at the start of the measurement period who also meet criteria for participation. 4. **Denominator 4 – Housing Intervention.** All members in numerator 3 with a positive housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy screen finding between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period. 5. **Denominator 5 – Transportation Screening.** Members of any age enrolled at the start of the measurement period who also meet criteria for participation. 6. **Denominator 6 – Transportation Intervention.** All members in numerator 5 with a positive transportation insecurity screen finding between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.

Denominator *(continued)*

- Allocation criteria: The member was enrolled with a medical benefit throughout the measurement period (January 1 – December 31) and was enrolled on the last day of the measurement period.

- Continuous enrollment criteria: No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days during the measurement period. For Medicaid members where enrollment is verified monthly, the member may not have a gap of more than 30 days.

Numerator

The measure includes numerators for six rates:

1. **Numerator 1 – Food Screening.** Members in denominator 1 with a documented result for food insecurity screening performed between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.

2. **Numerator 2 – Food Intervention.** Members in denominator 2 who received a food insecurity intervention on or up to 30 days after the date of the first positive food insecurity screen (31 days total).

3. **Numerator 3 – Housing Screening.** Members in denominator 3 with a documented result for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy screening performed between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.

4. **Numerator 4 – Housing Intervention.** Members in denominator 4 who received an intervention corresponding to the type of housing need identified on or up to 30 days after the date of the first positive housing screen (31 days total).

5. **Numerator 5 – Transportation Screening.** Members in denominator 5 with a documented result for transportation insecurity screening performed between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.

Numerator *(continued)*

6. **Numerator 6 – Transportation Intervention.** Members in denominator 6 who received a transportation insecurity intervention on or up to 30 days after the date of the first positive transportation screen (31 days total).

    Screening numerator notes: Screening numerators count only screenings completed using one of the instruments included in the measure specification (the list of eligible screening instruments is provided in the Measure Information Sheet). However, NCQA recognizes that organizations might need to adapt or modify instruments to meet the needs of their membership.

    Intervention numerator notes: The intervention must correspond to the type of need identified to count toward the numerator (e.g., a positive food insecurity screen finding must be met by a food insecurity intervention). Interventions may include any of the following categories: assistance, assessment, counseling, coordination, education, evaluation of eligibility, provision or referral.

Stratifications

The HEDIS MY 2024 measure specifications include stratifications by age group (≤17 years, 18-64 years, and 65 years and older) for the Medicaid product line.

Other

NCQA, the measure steward, indicated that they are working to update the measure to add utility insecurity as a fourth domain. This update would go into effect for MY 2026 (corresponds to 2027 Child and Adult Core Sets).