

Proposed New Measure for HEDIS® MY 2026: Disability Description of Membership (DDM)



NCQA seeks comments on a proposed new measure for inclusion in HEDIS Measurement Year 2026.

It is estimated that one in four adults in the United States lives with a disability.¹ Persons with disabilities are more likely to report poorer overall health and less access to adequate health care.² To improve care and outcomes for persons with disabilities, NCQA developed the proposed *Disability Description of Membership (DDM)* measure as a potentially valuable tool.

Disability Description of Membership: Describes the disability status of members 15 years of age and older enrolled any time during the measurement year, including information by data source and disability type.

The measure includes two tables for reporting, below are the table elements included:

- *Table 1* Disability Status by Data Source: Yes Disability, No Disability, Missing
- *Table 1* Data Source: Self-Reported Questionnaire, Self-Reported Accommodations, Enrollment Status, Unknown, No Data.
- *Table 2* Disability Type: Hearing, Seeing, Concentrating, Walking, Dressing or Bathing, Completing Errands, Communicating, Other Disability Type, Asked but No Answer, Not Disabled, Disabled, Disabled - No Disability Type Data. Members can be included in multiple Disability Type categories.

To learn more about the proposed measure or to submit your comments, visit [ncqa.org/about-ncqa/contact-us/public-comments](https://www.ncqa.org/about-ncqa/contact-us/public-comments)

NCQA values any general feedback on the measure and specific feedback on the following:

1. Appropriateness of data sources included.
2. Accommodations to include in measure specification.
3. Inclusion of disability type reporting.
4. Age restrictions in eligible population for the measure.

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¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021). *Prevalence of Disability and Disability Types by Urban-Rural County Classification – United States, 2016*. <https://www.cdc.gov/disability-and-health/articles-documents/disability-prevalence.html>

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020). *Disability and Health Information for Healthcare Providers*. <https://www.cdc.gov/disability-and-health/about/disability-and-health-information-for-healthcare-providers.html>

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