



# Annual Dental Visit (ADV)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2022 Measures

## Measure Description:

**Assesses Medicaid Members 2-20 years of age with dental benefits, who had at least one dental visit during the measurement year.**

## Importance of Preventive Dental Services

The Health Plan wants to help members' keep their teeth healthy. Aside from daily brushing, routine preventive oral healthcare with a dentist that includes services such as a dental cleaning can ensure this. Preventive oral healthcare helps members avoid cavities, gum disease, and wearing of their teeth's enamel. The Health Plan measures dental care through the ADV HEDIS measure and the preventive dental services performance measure.

## Eligible Population

2-20 years of age as of December 31 of the measurement year.

## ADV HEDIS Measure Description

The percentage of members 2-20 years of age who had at least one dental visit during the measurement year.

- Services must be performed by a dental practitioner
- For many one-year-olds, visits will be counted because the specification includes children whose second birthday occurs during the measurement year.

## Numerator Codes

The complete NCQA approved code set list can be referenced in the coding guide at [healthplan.org/providers/patient-care-programs/population-health](http://healthplan.org/providers/patient-care-programs/population-health). For questions, please contact your practice management consultant. To identify your practice management consultant please refer to [healthplan.org/providers/overview/meet-provider-servicing-team](http://healthplan.org/providers/overview/meet-provider-servicing-team)

Any claim with a dental practitioner during the measurement year meets criteria for the ADV HEDIS measure. Any of the preventive services and procedures satisfies both the ADV HEDIS measure and the preventive dental services performance measure:

Annual Dental Visits		
CDT	D1000-D1999	Preventive Dental Visits

There are also codes that can be used when providing education or counseling to parents:

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CDT	D1330	Oral Hygiene Instructions.
CDT	D1310	Nutritional Counseling for Control and Prevention of Oral Disease.



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It is equally as important to provide care to members between the ages of 0-2. The following codes used together will demonstrate preventive services for this age group and satisfy the preventive dental services performance measure:

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CDT	D0145	Oral evaluation for a patient under 3 years of age and counseling with primary caregiver (this is used in place of a comprehensive exam)
CDT	D1120	Prophylaxis – child ages 13 or younger (prophylaxis may include any appropriate instrument such as a toothbrush)
CDT	D1208	Topical application of fluoride (when appropriate)

## Strategies for Improving Oral Health Outcomes

- Advise patients' parents may be eligible to receive a gift card for going to the dentist for a cleaning; this can encourage members to keep appointments once scheduled and referred.
- Provide local primary care practitioners with your practice's contact information for easy patient referral.
- Encourage new patients to establish a dental home with your practice to ensure good routine oral healthcare and follow ups.
- Remind expectant mothers to make dental appointments for the baby either at the eruption of first tooth or by the age of one.
- Send parents reminders every six months to schedule for periodic exams, prophylaxis (cleanings), and fluoride treatments.
- Apply sealants on the first molars to prevent tooth decay. Refer to the American Dental Association on dental sealants and the clinical practice guidelines from 2016: [ada.org/en/member-center/oral-health-topics/dental-sealants](https://ada.org/en/member-center/oral-health-topics/dental-sealants)
- Provide credible resources on sealants. The journal of the American Dental Association offers talking points on sealants: [jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177\(16\)30444-5/fulltext](https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177(16)30444-5/fulltext)
- For general recommendations on pediatric dental care, refer to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

*The Health Plan has a team of member advocates, health coaches, social workers and nurses who can assist you and your patients to remove or overcome any barriers to care through benefit assistance, community resource referrals or enrollment in a THP clinical program. To refer a patient who is a THP member for assistance, call **1.877.903.7504** and let us know what we can do to help your patient receive and adhere to your recommended plan of care.*