



# 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.

## Eligible Population

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

Any claim with a dental practitioner during the measurement year meets criteria.

## 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



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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.