

Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets

This document provides a list of links to all updates to the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) Core Set of children's health care quality measures for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (the Child Core Set) and the Core Set of health care quality measures for adults enrolled in Medicaid (the Adult Core Set).

A Tool to Advance Health Quality, Equity, and Access

The Core Sets are a foundational tool for understanding the quality of healthcare provided in Medicaid and CHIP. The Core Sets help CMS and states assess the access to and quality of health care being provided to Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries and identify and improve understanding of the health disparities experienced by Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. CMS encourages states to use Core Set data to identify disparities in care and to develop targeted quality improvement efforts to advance health equity.

Annual Requirement to Update Core Sets

Part of implementing an effective quality measures reporting program is to periodically reassess the measures. Many factors, such as changes in clinical guidelines, experiences with reporting, and performance rates, may warrant modifying the measure set.^{1, 2} Section 1139A of the Social Security Act (the Act), provides that, beginning annually in January 2013, the Secretary shall publish recommended changes to the Child Core Set measures.³ Section 1139B of the Act, provides that the Secretary shall issue updates to the Adult Core Set beginning in January 2014 and annually thereafter.⁴

Child Core Set

- The Initial Core Set of Children's Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and CHIP was issued in 2011 via a State Health Official (SHO) letter "CHIPRA Quality Measures," SHO #11-001. <http://downloads.cms.gov/cmsgov/archived-downloads/SMDL/downloads/SHO11001.pdf>.
- The first update was issued via a SHO Letter "2013 Children's Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures," SHO #13-002. <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/downloads/SHO-13-002.pdf>.
- Subsequent updates were issued through a joint CMCS Information Bulletin (CIB) updating both the Child and Adult Core Sets (listed below).

Adult Core Set

- The Initial Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults" was issued through Federal Register Notice 77 FR 286. Washington, DC: HHS, January 4, 2012. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-04/pdf/2011-33756.pdf>.

¹ Annual Core Set Review and Selection Process <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/annual-core-set-review.pdf>

² Core Set History Table: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/core-set-history-table.pdf>

³ https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title11/1139A.htm.

⁴ https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title11/1139B.htm

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Joint Child and Adult Core Sets Updates:

- The 2014 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2014 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <http://medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/CIB-12-19-13.pdf>.
- The 2015 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2015 Updates to the Child and Adult Health Care Quality Measurements Sets.” <http://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib-12-30-2014.pdf>.
- The 2016 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2016 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib-12-11-15.pdf>.
- The 2017 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2017 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measures Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib120516.pdf>.
- The 2018 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2018 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib111417.pdf>.
- The 2019 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2019 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib112018.pdf>.
- The 2020 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2020 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/cib111919.pdf>.
- The 2021 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2021 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib111920.pdf>.
- The 2022 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2022 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib121021.pdf>.
- The 2023 update was issued via a CMCS Informational Bulletin “2023 and 2024 Updates to the Child and Adult Core Health Care Quality Measurement Sets.” <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib111522.pdf>

States with questions or that need further assistance with reporting and quality improvement regarding the Child and Adult Core Sets, may submit questions or requests to:

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