



**Department  
of Health**

# Children's

Value Based Payment Quality Measure Set  
Measurement Year 2021



## INTRODUCTION

The Measurement Year (MY) 2021 Children’s Quality Measure Set was created in collaboration with the Children’s Health Clinical Advisory Group (CAG), VBP Measure Support Task Force, as well as the New York State (NYS) Value Based Payment (VBP) Workgroup. The goal of this measure set is to align with measure sets put forth in the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program, for the Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR), and the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), where applicable. The Children’s measure set was designed to encourage providers to meet high standards of patient-centered clinical care and coordination across multiple care settings for the child and adolescent population.

## MEASURE SELECTION AND FEASIBILITY

During the spring and fall of 2020, the Children’s Health CAG reconvened and made recommendations to the State on quality measures, data collection, data reporting, and support required for providers to be successful in a VBP environment.

Beginning in June of 2017, the State initiated regular meetings of the VBP Measure Support Task Force. The goal of the Task Force is to make recommendations to the State to support and inform during the Annual Measure Review Cycle. Members of the Task Force include professionals from various Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Clinical Subject Matter Experts, and State Agencies, along with other professionals who have experience in quality measurement and health information technology. The Task Force provides feedback to the Department of Health (DOH) on quality measure feasibility, reporting, and calculation.

Upon receiving the CAG recommendations and Task Force feedback, the State defined a final list of measures for consideration for MY2021. For MY2021, seventeen measures have remained unchanged, three measures were replaced, and two measures have been removed. This culminates in a total of twenty Category 1 and 2 Children’s Quality Measures.

## MEASURE CLASSIFICATION

Each measure has been designated by the State as Category 1, 2, or 3 with associated recommendations for implementation and testing for future use in VBP Arrangements. The measures below are classified by category based on an assessment of reliability, validity, and feasibility, and according to suggested method of use (either Pay for Reporting (P4R) or Pay for Performance (P4P)).

### Category 1

Category 1 quality measures as identified by the CAGs and accepted and deemed reportable by the State are to be reported by VBP Contractors to the MCOs. These measures are also intended to be used to determine the amount of shared savings for which VBP contractors are eligible<sup>1</sup>. At least one Category 1 P4P measure must be included in a VBP contract.

### Categorizing and Prioritizing Quality Measures



#### CATEGORY 1

Approved quality measures that are deemed to be clinically relevant, reliable, valid, and feasible.



#### CATEGORY 2

Measures that are clinically relevant, valid, and reliable, but where the feasibility could be problematic. These measures were investigated during the 2017 & 2018 pilot programs.



#### CATEGORY 3

Measures that are insufficiently relevant, valid, reliable and/or feasible.

<sup>1</sup> New York State Department of Health, Medicaid Redesign Team, A Path Toward Value Based Payment: Annual Update, September 2019. [\(Link\)](#)



The State classified each Category 1 measure as either P4P or P4R:

- **P4P** measures are intended to be used in the determination of shared savings amounts for which VBP Contractors are eligible. In other words, these are the measures on which payments in VBP contracts may be based. Measures can be included in both the determination of the target budget and in the calculation of shared savings for VBP Contractors.
- **P4R** measures are intended to be used by the MCOs to incentivize VBP Contractors for reporting data to monitor quality of care delivered to members under a VBP contract. Incentives for reporting should be based on timeliness, accuracy, and completeness of data. Measures can be reclassified from P4R to P4P or vice versa through annual CAG and State review or as determined by the MCO and VBP Contractor.

Not all Category 1 measures will be reportable for the measurement year, as reporting on some of these measures will be phased in over the next few years. Please refer to the *Value Based Payment Reporting Requirements Technical Specifications Manual* (MY2021) for details as to which measures must be reported for the measurement year. This manual will be updated annually each fall, in line with the release of the final VBP measure sets for the subsequent year.

### Categories 2 and 3

Category 2 measures have been accepted by the State based on agreement of clinical importance, validity, and reliability, but flagged as presenting concerns regarding implementation feasibility. Some of these measures have been further investigated in the VBP Pilots. The State has discussed measure testing approaches, data collection, and reporting requirements with VBP Pilots as a part of the Measure Support Task Force.

Measures designated as Category 3 were identified as unfeasible at this time or as presenting additional concerns including accuracy or reliability when applied to the attributed member population for an arrangement, therefore Category 3 measures are not included in the measure set.

### MY2021 CHILDREN'S QUALITY MEASURE SET

The measures and State-determined classifications provided on the following pages are recommendations for MY2021. Note that measure classification is a State recommendation and implementation is to be determined between the MCO and VBP Contractor.

Measure sets and classifications are considered dynamic and will be reviewed annually. Updates will include measure additions, deletions, recategorizations, and/or reclassifications from P4R to P4P or vice versa, based on experience with measure implementation in the prior year. In 2021, the CAGs and the VBP Workgroup will re-evaluate measures and provide recommendations for MY2022. Please see [Appendix A](#) for a full list of these changes.

**Note: Additional changes may have been made to the names for some of the measures presented below to ensure alignment with the naming conventions used by the official measure steward. There have not been any changes to the measure specifications associated with these name changes.**



**Category 1 Measures**

The table below displays the Category 1 MY2021 Children’s Quality Measure Set, arranged alphabetically, and includes measure title, measure steward, the National Quality Forum (NQF) number and/or other measure identifier (where applicable), and State-recommended classification for measure use. The measure set is redlined to highlight changes made between MY2020 and MY2021. Additions/changes are marked by red text, while deletions are marked by red text with a strikethrough.

Children’s Measures	Measure Steward	Measure Identifier	Classification
Adolescent Preventive Care	NYS		P4R
<del>Adolescent Well-Care Visits*</del>	<del>NCQA</del>		<del>P4R</del>
Annual Dental Visit	NCQA	NQF 1388	P4R
Asthma Admission Rate (PDI 14)	AHRQ	NQF 0728	P4P
Asthma Medication Ratio	NCQA	NQF 1800	P4P
<del>Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits**</del>	<del>NCQA</del>		<del>P4P</del>
Childhood Immunization Status – Combination 3	NCQA	NQF 2372	P4P
Chlamydia Screening	NCQA	NQF 0033	P4P
<del>Depression Remission or Response for Adolescents and Adults (DSF-E) ^^</del>	<del>NCQA</del>		<del>P4R</del>
Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life	Oregon Health & Science University	NQF 1448	P4R



Children’s Measures	Measure Steward	Measure Identifier	Classification
Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	NCQA	NQF 0108	P4R
Immunization for Adolescents – Combination 2	NCQA	NQF 1407	P4P
<del>Medication Management for People with Asthma*</del>	<del>NCQA</del>	<del>NQF 1799</del>	<del>P4P</del>
<del>Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow Up Plan^^</del>	<del>CMS</del>	<del>NQF 0418</del>	<del>P4R</del>
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents	NCQA	NQF 0024	P4R
<del>Well Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life**</del>	<del>NCQA</del>	<del>NQF 1392</del>	<del>P4P</del>
Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life^^	NCQA	NQF 1516	P4P
<del>Well Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Six Years of Life ^^</del>	<del>NCQA</del>	<del>NQF 1516</del>	<del>P4P</del>

\* Measure removed from HEDIS 2021 Measure Set

\*\* Measure specifications revised by NCQA for 2021 HEDIS Measure set

^^ Measure replaced by NCQA/HEDIS measure

^^ Replacement HEDIS measure – first year measure



**CATEGORY 2**

The table below displays the Category 2 MY2021 Children’s Quality Measure Set and includes measure title, measure steward, and the NQF number and/or other measure identifier (where applicable). All Category 2 measures are classified as P4R in MY2021. There are no CAT 2 changes between MY2020 and MY2021.

Children’s Measures	Measure Steward	Measure Identifier
Follow-up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness	NCQA	NQF 3489
	NCQA	
Screening for Reduced Visual Acuity and Referral in Children	CMS	NQF 2721
	ADA	
Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	NCQA	NQF 2801



# Appendix A





The table below identifies the changes to the Category 1 measures for the MY2021 Children’s Quality Measure Set.

**Category 1 Measure Changes from 2020 to 2021**

Measure Name	Change	Rationale for Change
Adolescent Well-Care Visit (AWC)	Removed	Measure removed from HEDIS 2021 Measure Set
Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits	Specifications change	Measure specifications changed by NCQA for 2021 Measure set
Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	Removed	Measure removed from HEDIS 2021 Measure Set
Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults (DSF-E)	Added	Replacement HEDIS measure – first year measure
Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients With Diabetes (KED)	Added	Replacement HEDIS measure – first year measure
Medication Management for People with Asthma	Removed	Measure removed from HEDIS 2021 Measure Set
Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan	Replaced	Replaced measure with HEDIS 2021 measure
Well-Child Visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Year	Removed	Measure removed from HEDIS 2021 Measure Set
Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life	Added	Replacement HEDIS measure – first year measure
Well-child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life	Replaced	Replaced measure with HEDIS 2021 measure