

## Measure specifications: Adult Access to Preventive/ Ambulatory Health Services

### Metric information

**Metric description:** The percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries, 20 years of age and older, who had an ambulatory or preventive care visit in the measurement year.

**Metric specification version:** HEDIS® Measurement Year 2023 Technical Specifications for Health Plans, NCQA.

**Data collection method:** Administrative only.

**Data source:** ProviderOne Medicaid claims/encounter and enrollment data.

**Claim status:** Include only final paid claims or accepted encounters in metric calculation.

**Identification window:** Measurement year.

**Direction of quality improvement:** Higher is better.

**URL of specifications:** [NCQA HEDIS measures](#)

### Metric Details

#### Eligible population

Measure	Description
Age	20 years of age and older. Age is as of the last day of the measurement year.
Gender	N/A
Minimum Medicaid enrollment	Measurement year. Enrollment must be continuous.
Allowable gap in Medicaid enrollment	One gap of one month during the measurement year.
Medicaid enrollment anchor date	Last day of measurement year.
Medicaid benefit and eligibility	Includes Medicaid beneficiaries with comprehensive medical benefits. Excludes beneficiaries that are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and beneficiaries with primary insurance other than Medicaid.

## Denominator

Data elements required for denominator: Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the above eligibility criteria.

Required exclusions for denominator.

- Eligible population exclusions are listed in the eligible population table above.
- Metric specific exclusions:
  - o Beneficiaries in hospice care.

Deviations from cited specifications for denominator.

- HEDIS® specifications require no more than one gap in continuous enrollment of up to 45 days during each year of continuous enrollment. To determine continuous enrollment for a Medicaid beneficiary for whom enrollment is verified monthly, as is the case for the ProviderOne data source, the Medicaid beneficiary may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., a Medicaid beneficiary whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled).

## Numerator

Beneficiaries must qualify for inclusion in the denominator to be eligible for inclusion in the numerator.

Data elements required for numerator: One or more ambulatory or preventive care visits during the measurement year. Ambulatory or preventive care visits are defined by the value sets listed below. See HEDIS® for specific instructions.

Value sets required for numerator.

Name	Value Set
<b>Ambulatory Visits Value Set</b>	See HEDIS®
<b>Telehealth Modifier Value Set</b>	See HEDIS®
<b>Other Ambulatory Visits Value Set</b>	See HEDIS®
<b>Telephone Visits Value Set</b>	See HEDIS®
<b>Online Assessments Value Set</b>	See HEDIS®

Required exclusions for numerator.

- None

Deviations from cited specifications for numerator.

- None

## Version control

**August 2023 update:** The specification sheet has been updated to reflect the current version of the technical specification from the measure steward. No substantive changes were made to the DSRIP Metric Details. Note that while the names of the value sets included in the specifications have not changed, the underlying values may have been updated.

**November 2024 update:** MTP 1.0 DSRIP related criteria have been removed from metric production calculations. The metric aligns with HEDIS specifications.