

2023 HEDIS Measure Tips



One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

Flu Vaccinations for Adults Ages 18-64 (FVA)

Effectiveness of Care HEDIS® Measure* collected through the CAHPS® Survey**

Measure description

The percentage of patients who received an influenza vaccination during the prior flu season.

Measure population (denominator)

Patients 18 to 64 years of age who responded to the CAHPS® Survey.**

Measure compliance (numerator)

The number of patients who indicated they received an influenza vaccination between July 1 of the measurement year and the date of the CAHPS® Survey.

Note: Compliance is ascertained through the annual CAHPS® Survey.**

Exclusions

There are no exclusions for this measure.

Did you know?

- Influenza is a common and contagious respiratory illness caused by a set of viruses that can result in serious complications or death.
- Working adults younger than 65 tend to have the lowest rate of influenza vaccination coverage.
- The best protection against flu is to get the annual flu vaccine, which can reduce flu-related hospitalizations by a large percentage.

This measure applies to commercial members only.

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Helpful HEDIS hints

- Live-attenuated influenza vaccine, or LAIV, counts for this measure.
- Make vaccine status assessment and discussion an integral part of every office visit.
- Proper documentation is critical:
 - Provide clear documentation of vaccines administered or documentation of vaccines received elsewhere, with dates and locations.
 - Use the Michigan Care Improvement Registry tracking system for all patients.
 - Strongly recommend patients get a flu vaccine and educate them about vaccine efficacy and safety.
 - Influenza often leads to hospitalization for patients with chronic or underlying conditions. Consider flagging charts for high-risk patients and sending flu vaccine reminders.
 - This measure is assessed annually through member experience surveys (CAHPS). It depends on patient recollection of receiving the vaccination.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have established recommendations for flu vaccination of persons with an egg allergy as follows:
 - Patients with egg allergies can receive any licensed influenza vaccine.
 - Patients with a severe egg allergy should be vaccinated in a medical setting by a health care provider who can manage a severe reaction if necessary.

Note: Severe allergy is described as any symptom other than hives.
- Instruct patient to obtain a flu vaccine at their local pharmacy if unable to make an appointment.

Resources

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** CAHPS® Survey, which stands for Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey, was developed by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The survey measures the patient experience of care and contributes to the annual star ratings published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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