

HEDIS[®] Tips:

Annual Dental Visit (ADV)

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The percentage of members 2-20 years of age who had at least one dental visit during the measurement year. This measure applies only if dental care is a covered benefit in the organization's Medicaid contract. Any claim with a dental practitioner during the measurement year meets criteria. The following six age stratifications and total rate are reported:

- 2-3 years
- 4-6 years
- 7-10 years
- 11-14 years
- 15-18 years
- 19-20 years

Note: Visits for many 1-year-olds will be counted because the specification includes children whose 2nd birthday occurs during the measurement year.

HOW TO IMPROVE HEDIS[®] SCORES

- Remind parents of their dental benefits.
- Encourage regular check-up visits with a dentist that includes a physical exam, oral cleaning and x-rays.
- Help patients schedule an appointment to see a dentist.
- Provider appointment reminder calls or postcards to help ensure that patients do not miss appointments.
- Provide preventive services such as, fluoride varnish application, where appropriate.

“Annual dental visits and oral care throughout childhood and adolescence can significantly reduce the risks of developing oral disease.”

Reference: Trends in oral health status: United states, 1988–1994 and ... (n.d.). Retrieved from https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_11/sr11_248.pdf

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