

Assessments for Children in DHS Custody

Performance Measure Set: CCO Incentive Metric Medicare Star Measure

Quality Measurement Type: Structure Process Outcome Patient Experience

Data Type: Claims Chart Documentation eCQM Survey Other

State Benchmark: 90%; (Metrics & Scoring Committee Consensus).

Who: Children and adolescents aged 0–17 years newly placed in DHS custody between November 1, 2021, and October 31, 2022. Note the cut-off date of notification is on October 31st so the health assessment period can occur by the end of the year.

Why: OHA developed these specifications based on requirements for physical, mental, and dental health assessments for children who enter foster care. Children in foster care are among the most vulnerable that CCOs serve. This measure ensures that they receive necessary care during a challenging transition.

What: Completion of the following health assessments within 60 days after the CCO is notified that the child has entered DHS custody, or within the 30 days prior to notification.

Age on CCO Notification Date	Required assessments for children entering DHS custody		
	Physical	Dental	Mental
Less than 12 months old	YES	NO	NO
1 to 3 years old	YES	YES	NO
4 to 17 years old	YES	YES	YES

How: The CCO coordinates with dental, mental, and physical health providers to schedule necessary assessments, and providers agree to prioritize foster children for appointment scheduling.

Exclusions: Children will be excluded from the final measure denominator if:

- The CCO does not receive notification from OHA within 30 days of the child entering DHS custody.
 - The child does not remain in DHS custody and enrolled with the CCO for 60 days after notification.
- See OHA technical specifications for a complete list of other exclusions handled on a case-by-case basis.

Coding:

Physical Health Assessment	Mental Health Assessment	Dental Health Assessment
99201 – 99205 (can count for mental health assessment as well if mental health dx code is included on claim) 99212 – 99215, 99381 – 99384, 99391 – 99394, G0438, G0439	90791, 90792, 96130, 96131, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139 H0031, H1011 H2000 – TG (<i>need modifier</i>) H0019, H2013, H0037	D0100 – D0199
	Mental Health dx codes on 99201-99205: F03, F20–F53, F59–F69, F80-F99	

Assessments for Children in DHS Custody FAQs

Q: How does the CCO coordinate this measure?

A: CCO staff maintain a list of children in foster care and points of contact with local DHS offices. They work with physical, mental, and dental health plan staff to outreach to foster parents and facilitate the scheduling of needed services.

Q: How often is the data refreshed?

A: The CCO receives a weekly file from the OHA with a list of children who are on the foster list. Each CCO works on this list to keep on top of the timeliness of the metric. The OHA will send a monthly report of the progress of this metric. However, the data (current % & list of members) is four months behind. Use this report to review the CCOs notes on each child.

Q: What event date starts the metric?

A: The start date is according to the weekly file sent from the OHA, “First Notification Date by the OHA”.