

HEDIS MEASURE OVERVIEW

Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OED)

Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OED) is an important preventive measure for your patients' health and one of the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) performance measures used to evaluate the care and services provided by healthcare providers.

Please note: The information offered in this flyer is based on HEDIS technical specifications. It is not meant to preclude your clinical judgment.

Dental caries is the most common chronic disease in children in the U.S. From 2015–2016, the prevalence of total (untreated and treated) caries-related tooth decay was 46% for children 2–19 years of age. Identifying caries early is important to reverse the disease process, prevent progression of caries and reduce incidence of future lesions. In 2014, 52% of all children and 60% of children below the federal poverty level did not have a yearly dental visit. Every year, more than 34 million school hours are lost due to unplanned (emergency) dental care. In 2017, there were 2.1 million dental-related emergency room visits (both children and adults).¹

Who is included in the OED measure?

Patients under 21 years of age

Exclusions

Unless otherwise indicated, these apply to Medicaid patients:

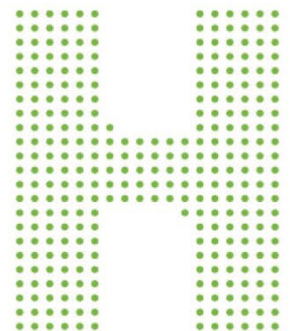
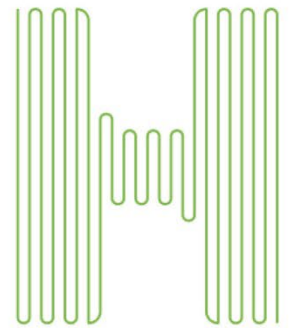
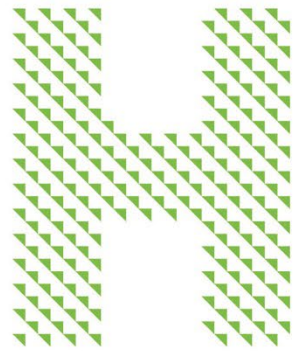
- Patients in hospice or using hospice services anytime during the measurement year
- Patients who died anytime during the measurement year

Performing well on the OED measure

To address and satisfy the OED measure, patients must have received a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation with a dental provider during the measurement year. Oral examinations include physical examination, review of appropriate images and evaluation for risk of tooth decay.

Measure best practices

- Educate patients and guardians on the importance of dental health.
- Integrate the establishment of a medical and dental home by developing a bidirectional referral system.
- Ask about chronic, special conditions impacted by dental disease, such as diabetes, human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and pregnancy.



Coding for the OED measure

Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code	• D0150 – Comprehensive oral evaluation – new or established patient • D0145 – Oral evaluation for a patient under three years of age and counseling with primary caregiver • D0120 – Periodic oral evaluation – established patient
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Coding included above is based on the NCQA Value Set, but each state's fee schedule determines which codes are reimbursed. Please consult your respective state's fee schedule for reimbursement information.

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1. National Committee for Quality Assurance. (2025). *HEDIS Measurement Year 2025: Volume 1: Narrative*.