

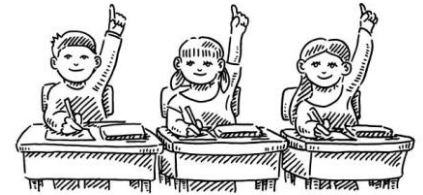
Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD, ADD-E):

The National Center for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has two rates for the ADD measure to assess follow-up care for children prescribed an ADHD medication:

- **Initiation Phase:** Assesses children between 6 and 12 years of age who were diagnosed with ADHD and had one follow-up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority within 30 days of their first prescription of ADHD medication.
- **Continuation and Maintenance Phase:** Assesses children between 6 and 12 years of age who had a prescription for ADHD medication and remained on the medication for at least 210 days and had at least 2 follow-up visits with a practitioner in the 9 months after the Initiation Phase.

Why it Matters:

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common mental disorders affecting children, 11% of American children have been diagnosed with ADHD. When managed appropriately, ADHD medication can help control symptoms of hyperactivity, impulsiveness, and inability to concentrate to help promote greater success in school. To ensure that medication is prescribed and managed correctly, it is important that children be monitored by a practitioner with prescribing authority.



How are We Doing?

Line of Business	Measure Name	2023 NCQA 75 th %	MY2023
Medicaid	FU Child Prescribed Meds for ADHD - Continuation	59.75%	55.43%
Medicaid	FU Child Prescribed Meds for ADHD – Initiation	48.11%	48.04%

TIPS TO IMPROVE

1. When prescribing a new medication to your patient, be sure to schedule a follow-up visit with 30 days to assess how the medication is working.
2. Schedule 2 or more visits in the 9 months after the first 30 days to continue to monitor your patient’s progress.
3. Never continue these controlled substances without at least 2 visits per year. If nothing else, you need to monitor the child’s growth to make sure he or she is on the correct dosage.

Remember to talk to your patients about the importance of annual well-child exams and inquire if they have regular dental check-ups and a dental home.

If you have questions or would like more information, please email us at MHPQuality@McLaren.org.

Thank you for the quality care you deliver!

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