



*Merced County
HEDIS 2012 Season
Quality Studies Kick-Off*

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Dear Doctor,

It's time to prepare for the HEDIS® (Health Plan Effectiveness Data and Information Set) quality studies. HEDIS is the state mandated quality review and we will need to abstract medical records for seven HEDIS measures. These measures include childhood immunization, well child care, adolescent well care, cervical cancer screening, prenatal and postpartum care and diabetes care. Please review the 2012 HEDIS Hybrid Measure Descriptions information enclosed.

We will send you a list in approximately three weeks of Alliance members for whom we need charts pulled, if any. Not all practices will have members in each measure and not all practices will need to pull charts to be scanned.

The Alliance has contracted with a copy service (Digidex) to scan the records in your office. Digidex will contact your office to make an appointment to scan the charts.

Our intent is to make this process as smooth and easy as possible for you and your staff. Please feel free to call Julie Atchley, Quality Improvement Coordinator at 831-430-5529 or call Barbara Flynn RN, QI Director at 831-430-5552 with any questions or concerns regarding chart scanning. We look forward to sharing a successful HEDIS season with you.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and cooperation!

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Enclosed: 2012 HEDIS Hybrid Measure Descriptions

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Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)

The percentage of children two years of age who had four diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP), three polio (IPV), one measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), three H influenza type B (Hib), three hepatitis B, one chicken pox (VZV), four pneumococcal conjugate, two hepatitis A, two or three Rotavirus (depending on vaccine administered), and two influenza vaccines by their second birthday.

Lead Screening in Children (LSC)

The percentage of children 2 years of age who have had one or more capillary or venous lead blood tests for lead poisoning by their second birthday.

Well-Child Visits 0-15 Months (W15)

The percentage of members who turned 15 months old during the measurement year and who had the 6 well-child visits with a PCP during their first 15 months of life.

Well-Child Visits 3-6 Years (W34)

The percentage of members 3–6 years of age who received one or more well-child visits with a PCP during the measurement year.

Adolescent Well-Care Visits (AWC)

The percentage of enrolled members 12–21 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.

Immunizations for Adolescents (IMA)

The percentage of adolescents 13 years of age who had one dose meningococcal vaccine and one tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) or one Td by 13th birthday.

Weight Assessment & Counseling for Nutrition & Physical Activity for Children & Adolescents (WCC)

The percentage of members ages 3-17 who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN with evidence of BMI percentile documentation, counseling for nutrition and counseling for physical activity during the measurement year.

Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)

The percentage of deliveries of live births between November 6 of the year prior to the measurement year and November 5 of the measurement year. Assesses the following facets of prenatal and postpartum care.

Timeliness of Prenatal Care. The percentage of deliveries that received a prenatal care visit as a member of the organization in the first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment in the organization.

Postpartum Care. The percentage of deliveries that had a postpartum visit on or between 21 and 56 days after delivery.

Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)

The percentage of women 21–64 years of age who received one or more Pap test to screen for cervical cancer during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.

Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC)

The percentage of members 18–75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had each of the following:

- Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) testing
- HbA1c poor control (>9.0%)
- HbA1c control (<8.0%)
- Blood Pressure Control (<140/90)
- Eye exam (retinal) performed
- Medical attention for nephropathy
- LDL-C screening
- LDL-C control (<100 mg/dL)