

## Preventive Dental Services for Children aged 1-5 and 6-14

Performance Measure Set:  CCO Incentive Metric  Medicare Star Rating

Quality Measurement Type:  Structure  Process  Outcome  Patient Experience

Data Type:  Claims  Chart Documentation  eCQM  Survey  Other

State Benchmark: Preventive Dental Services age 1-5 – 45.4% Preventive Dental Services age 6-14 – 65.5% (CCO 75<sup>th</sup> percentile from two years prior)

CCOs must meet benchmark or improvement target for both age groups to achieve measure.

**Who:** All patients who will turn age 1–14 years old during the calendar year.

**Why:** Poor oral health has been linked to chronic pain, lost school days, and avoidable visits to the emergency department. Oral health can also affect speech, nutrition, growth and function, social development. Ensuring all children have access to dental health care during these formative years is important to their overall health and quality of life.

**What:** All patients who will be age 1–14 years by the end of the 2021 calendar year who are continuously enrolled with the CCO for at least 6 months and have at least one preventive dental service with either a dental or non-dental provider.

This measure is reported using two separate age stratification: patients aged 1–5 years and 6–14 years, who received a preventive dental service during the measurement year. Both age stratification groups must meet either the state benchmark or CCO improvement target to comply with this incentive measure.

### How:

- Discuss the importance of dental health during all physical health wellness visits
- Include dental visits in your existing referral coordination workflow
- Use CareOregon’s dental referral process in the OneHealth Portal to easily connect CareOregon members to a dental care coordinator who can help them schedule with a dental provider
- Behavioral Health Support: 30% of children are afraid to go to the dentist--BHC can support family for a successful dental visit.
  - Inreach: BHC asks families and/or scrubs their schedule to identify children in need of dental appointment when they're in clinic for BHC appointment. Those who need appointment are connected for scheduling.
  - Follow Up Engagement and Support: BHC provides supports for family implementing healthy behaviors (e.g. brushing routine) and can support family in connecting dental referral.

**Exclusions:** N/A

### Coding:

Preventive Dental Services: CDT codes D1000 – D1999 billed by dental providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, or Rural Health Centers.

Preventive Oral Health Services: CDT codes D1000 – D1999 or CPT code 99188 billed by non-dental providers.

## Members Receiving Dental Services FAQ

**Q: Can a member qualify for the denominator for two separate CCOs?**

**A:** Yes, if the member switched from one CCO to another and had continuous enrollment for at least 180 days (i.e. 6 months) in the same year with both CCOs. The numerator services are attributed independently to the CCOs that paid and submitted the claim; thus, the member would not automatically count in the numerator for both CCOs, but only that CCO which paid the claims for the preventive service.

**Q: Will services provided by dental hygienists count if they are not under supervision of a dentist?**

**A:** Yes. Although the technical specifications state that “services provided by dental hygienists should only be counted when they are under supervision of a dentist,” the OHA does not adopt this requirement because administrative claims data generally do not indicate supervision between health care providers.

**Q: Does a First Tooth visit count as a preventive dental service for this measure?**

**A:** CPT code 99188 (topical fluoride varnish) billed with a First Tooth visit on a medical claim does count towards the metric numerator.

**Q: Do Telehealth visits count toward the metric?**

**A:** This measure is eligible for telehealth/teledentistry. Some qualifying services such as D1310 ‘nutritional counseling’ and D1330 ‘oral hygiene instructions’ may be delivered in a teledentistry visit but are subject to providers' determination whether required components can be provided equivalent to an in-person visit.