BACKGROUND RESOURCES ON THE CHILD AND ADULT CORE SETS

This resource list includes reporting and analytic resources related to the Child and Adult Core Sets as well as other quality measurement resources. We hope these resources will help inform the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review.

Core Sets Reporting Years and the Annual Review Cycle

First, it might be helpful to understand the Core Sets reporting and review cycle, as we work on multiple years simultaneously. The resources listed cover one or more of these reporting years.

- The most recent publicly reported data is for the **2020 Child and Adult Core Sets**; information for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 reporting cycle was released by the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) in Fall 2021. Links are provided below.

- State reporting of data for the **2021 and 2022 Child and Adult Core Sets** is complete. Tables with state-specific FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 performance data for each publicly reported Core Set measure will be available by September 30, 2023.

- The technical specifications and related resources for the **2023 Child and Adult Core Sets** were released in March 2023. Links are provided below.

- The CMCS Informational Bulletin (CIB) describing updates to the **2023 and 2024 Child and Adult Core Sets** was released in November 2022. To support states' efforts to meet the upcoming 2024 mandatory reporting requirements and to provide sufficient time for states to prepare, CMS released the **2023 and 2024 Child and Adult Core Sets** together. The 2023 and 2024 CIB is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib111522.pdf.

  - In August 2023, CMCS released updated 2024 Child and Adult Core Sets to reflect the retirement of the Flu Vaccination for Adults Ages 18 to 64 (FVA-AD) measure by the measure steward. CMCS also modified the Prenatal and Postpartum Care measures to include both the prenatal and postpartum care rates in the Child and Adult Core Sets for applicable age groups. Links are provided below.

- State reporting of data for the **2023 Child and Adult Core Sets** starts in September 2023 and will close on December 31, 2023; state reporting of data for the **2024 Child and Adult Core Sets** will take place in fall 2024.

- The final report of the 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review, containing recommendations for the **2025 Child and Adult Core Sets**, is available at https://www.mathematica.org/features/MACCoreSetReview. CMCS expects to release the 2025 Child and Adult Core Sets in spring 2024.

- More information about the Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review and Selection Process is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/annual-core-set-review.pdf.

2024 Core Sets Reporting Resources

The 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets Annual Review Workgroup is charged with recommending improvements to the 2024 Child and Adult Core Sets. The following resources related to the 2024 Core Set measures are available on Medicaid.gov.

- The **2024 Child and Adult Core Sets** measure lists show the measure names, measure stewards, CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) number, and the data collection method.

  - The 2024 Child Core Set measure list is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2024-child-core-set.pdf.

- The 2024 Adult Core Set measure list is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/2024-adult-core-set.pdf.

- The **2024 Core Sets History Table** provides a list of the measures included in the Child Core Set from 2010 to 2024 and in the Adult Core Set from 2013 to 2024. The table also documents CMS's reasons for adding and removing measures over time. The table is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/downloads/core-set-history-table.pdf.

- In August 2023, CMS released the final rule for Mandatory Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Core Set Reporting. Beginning in FFY 2024, mandatory state reporting goes into effect for all the Child Core Set measures and behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set. More information is available at https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-18669/mandatory-medicaid-and-childrens-health-insurance-program-core-set-reporting.

2023 Core Sets Reporting Resources

The 2023 Child and Adult Core Sets reporting resources provide detailed information on the technical specifications and technical assistance resources to help states report the Core Sets measures. The following 2023 Core Sets reporting resources are available on Medicaid.gov at the links shown in the table below:

- The **FFY 2023 Core Sets Technical Specifications and Resource Manuals** describe the history of the Core Sets, provide general information on data collection and reporting, and include technical specifications and measure-specific reporting guidance for each measure included in the 2023 Core Sets.

- A **Summary of Updates** describes the changes between the FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 resource manuals.

- **FFY 2023 Data Quality Checklists** help states improve the completeness, accuracy, consistency, and documentation of data reported for the Core Sets measures. The checklists include common issues noted in reviewing state data, and help states review the data entered into the web-based reporting system.

- **FFY 2023 Core Sets Measurement Period Tables** specify the measurement period for the denominators, numerators, and continuous enrollment periods for each Core Set measure.

Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
FFY 2023 Technical Specifications and Resource Manual	FFY 2023 Technical Specifications and Resource Manual
FFY 2023 Summary of Changes	FFY 2023 Summary of Changes
FFY 2023 Data Quality Checklist	FFY 2023 Data Quality Checklist
FFY 2023 Measurement Period Table	FFY 2023 Measurement Period Table

2021 and 2022 Core Sets Measure Performance

As noted above, tables with FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 performance data for each publicly reported Core Set measure will be available by September 30, 2023. These tables will be posted at the following links under the "Annual Reporting" section:

- Child Core Set: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/adult-and-child-health-care-quality-measures/childrens-health-care-quality-measures/index.html#AnnualReporting

- Adult Core Set: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/performance-measurement/adult-and-child-health-care-quality-measures/adult-health-care-quality-measures/index.html#AnnualReporting

2020 Core Sets Measure Performance

FFY 2020 is the most recent year of public reporting available as of August 2023. The following resources are available on Medicaid.gov at the links shown in the table below:

- The **Summary Fact Sheet** provides an overview of findings from FFY 2020 reporting of the Child and Adult Core Sets.

- The **Trending Criteria Methods Brief** provides an overview of criteria for using the Child and Adult Core Sets measures to assess trends in state performance.

- The **Child and Adult Core Sets Chart Packs** summarize state reporting on all 2020 Child and Adult Core Sets measures; they also provide summary performance data on frequently reported measures, including trends in state performance.

- **Performance on the Child and Adult Core Sets Measures** is presented through tables for each frequently reported measure, which is defined as being reported by 25 or more states and which met CMS's standards for data quality. The tables show state-level performance, including the population, methodology, denominator, and rate.

- **Child and Adult Quality Measures Datasets** are raw data files that provide summary and state-level performance data on frequently reported Child and Adult Core Sets measures.

These resources are available for each Core Set at the links below:

Child Core Set	Adult Core Set
Child Core Set Home Page	Adult Core Set Home Page
Summary Fact Sheet: Quality of Care for Children and Adults in Medicaid and CHIP: Overview of Findings from the 2020 Child and Adult Core Sets	Summary Fact Sheet: Quality of Care for Children and Adults in Medicaid and CHIP: Overview of Findings from the 2020 Child and Adult Core Sets
Criteria for Using the Child and Adult Core Set Measures to Assess Trends in State Performance in Medicaid and CHIP, FFY 2020	Criteria for Using the Child and Adult Core Set Measures to Assess Trends in State Performance in Medicaid and CHIP, FFY 2020
2021 Child Core Set Chart Pack, FFY 2020	2021 Adult Core Set Chart Pack, FFY 2020
Performance on the Child Core Set Measures, FFY 2020	Performance on the Adult Core Set Measures, FFY 2020
Child Health Quality Measures Dataset, FFY 2020	Adult Health Quality Measures Dataset, FFY 2020

Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard

The Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard was released in 2018 to increase public transparency about the programs' administration and outcomes. The State Health System Performance pillar includes publicly reported measures that show how states serve Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries across the life span.

- Information about the Medicaid and CHIP Scorecard is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/index.html.

- The current version of the Scorecard generally uses FFY 2020 data.

- While many of the measures in the State Health System Performance pillar of the Scorecard are included in the Child and Adult Core Sets, not all measures in the Child and Adult Core Sets are included in the Scorecard.

Other Quality Measurement Resources

This section identifies additional quality measurement resources that may inform the discussion of measures for addition to or removal from the 2026 Child and Adult Core Sets, including efforts to reduce reporting burden, facilitate alignment, and address gaps.

- The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Measure Inventory Tool (CMIT)** is the repository of record for information about the measures that CMS uses to promote health care quality and quality improvement. The searchable database provides information on more than 2,000 measures, including title, numerator, denominator, exclusions, measure type, reporting status, use in federal and other programs, measure steward, placement in cascade of Meaningful Measures, and other attributes. The tool is available at

https://cmit.cms.gov/cmit/. A public access quick start guide for CMIT is available at https://cmit.cms.gov/cmit/assets/CMIT-QuickStartPublicAccess.pdf.

- The **Cascade of Meaningful Measures** is a tool CMS developed to help prioritize existing health care quality measures, align or reduce measures where there are too many, and identify gaps where new measures may need to be developed. The tool starts by utilizing the eight health care priorities of the Meaningful Measures 2.0 Framework. More information is available at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/meaningful-measures-framework/cascade-measures.

- The **Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC)** is a public-private partnership to facilitate measure alignment across payers through the creation of core sets of quality measures. The CQMC aims to reduce burden by identifying high-impact, evidence-based measures and by eliminating redundancies and inconsistencies in measure specifications and reporting requirements across payers. More information is available at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/QualityMeasures/Core-Measures.

- CMS is exploring the use of **Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS)** data to calculate Child and Adult Core Sets measures on behalf of states in order to reduce state burden and increase consistency across states. More information about T-MSIS is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/data-systems/macbis/transformed-medicaid-statistical-information-system-t-msis/index.html. More information about the **T-MSIS Analytic Files (TAF)** used to calculate the measures is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/data-systems/macbis/medicaid-chip-research-files/transformed-medicaid-statistical-information-system-t-msis-analytic-files-taf/index.html. This link also contains information about a series of new Health Equity Data Briefs. The **DQ (Data Quality) Atlas** provides information about TAF data quality by topic and by state and is available at https://www.medicaid.gov/dq-atlas/welcome.

For More Information

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