Medicaid and CHIP Quality Rating System (MAC QRS)

MAC QRS was introduced to enable Medicaid beneficiaries to compare plans across a variety of quality measures. By December 31, 2028, states are required to establish a rating system for their managed Medicaid plans based on an initial set of 19 mandatory measures.

Beginning with HEDIS Measurement Year (MY) 2026, the Interactive Data Submission System (IDSS) will support streamlined reporting for both Medicaid Health Plan Ratings measures and Medicaid and CHIP Quality Rating System (MAC QRS) measures through a ***single submission ID***. Health plans will have the option to submit these measures through the IDSS if they choose to do so.

REQUIRED MEASURES

IDSS will collect MAC QRS HEDIS measures (11) and 3 non-HEDIS measures for reporting. Please see the MAC QRS Initial Technical Resource Manual for more information.

The 11 HEDIS measures may be reported in a health plan's current Medicaid submission. For the 3 non-HEDIS measures, IDSS will be updated to accommodate these measures.

CMIT[a]	Measure Steward	Measure Name
743	NCQA	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics (APP)
394	NCQA	Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment (IET)
672	CMS	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (CDF)
268	NCQA	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH)
761	NCQA	Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30)
24	NCQA	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)
93	NCQA	Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)
118	NCQA	Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS, CCS-E)
139	NCQA	Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)
897	DQA (ADA)	Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OEV)
166	OPA	Contraceptive Care - Postpartum Women (CCP)
581	NCQA	Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)
1820	NCQA	Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD)
167	NCQA	Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)

MEASURE SPECIFICATION

MAC QRS specifications are located on each measure steward site. NCQA created data tables based on the specifications on these sites and aligned them with our traditional data elements.

Measure Name	Steward	Resource
Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (CDF)	**CMS**	**Quality Measures**
Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OEV)	**DQA**	**Dental Quality Measures**
Contraceptive Care – Postpartum Women (CCP)	**OPA**	**Contraceptive Care Measures**

Contraceptive Care - Postpartum Women (CCP)

Table CCP-Medicaid: Data Elements Contraceptive Care - Postpartum Women

Metric	Age	Data Element	Reporting Instructions
EffectiveContraception90day	15-20	InitialPopulation	For each Stratification
LARC90day	21-44	Exclusions	For each Stratification
	Total	Denominator	For each Stratification
		NumeratorByAdmin	For each Stratification
		Rate	(Percent)

Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OEV)

Table OEV-Medicaid: Data Elements Oral Evaluation, Dental Services

Metric	Age	Data Element	Reporting Instructions
OralEvaluationDental	0-2	InitialPopulation	For each Stratification
	3-5	Exclusions	For each Stratification
	6-14	Denominator	For each Stratification
	15-20	NumeratorByAdmin	For each Stratification
	Total	Rate	(Percent)

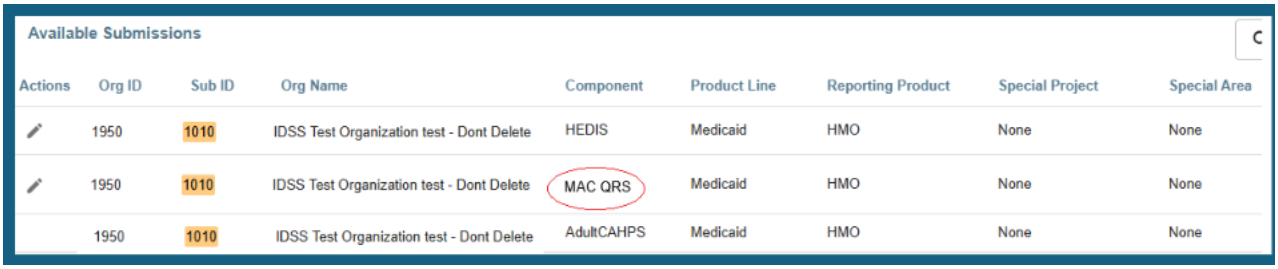
Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (CDF)

Table CDF-Medicaid Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

Metric	Age	Data Element	Reporting Instructions
ScreeningAndFollowUp	12-17	InitialPopulation	For each Stratification
	18-64	Exclusions	For each Stratification
	Total	Exceptions	For each Stratification
		Denominator	For each Stratification
		NumeratorByAdmin	For each Stratification
		Rate	(Percent)

IDSS Process and Files

A new component has been created that will allow Medicaid submissions to report MAC QRS non-HEDIS measures in the same submission ID. This component will be called “MAC QRS” and the submission will allow two XML’s files to be submitted. For those plans that want to report MAC QRS, a component will be added to their current submission.



Available Submissions

Actions	Org ID	Sub ID	Org Name	Component	Product Line	Reporting Product	Special Project	Special Area
	1950	1010	IDSS Test Organization test - Dont Delete	HEDIS	Medicaid	HMO	None	None
	1950	1010	IDSS Test Organization test - Dont Delete	MAC QRS	Medicaid	HMO	None	None
	1950	1010	IDSS Test Organization test - Dont Delete	AdultCAHPS	Medicaid	HMO	None	None

Note: In the MAC QRS import XML file, the measure-version-id field will be included. Because there are no certified GUIDs for these measures, you may leave the measure-version-id field blank.

These are the IDSS files that will include the 3 non-HEDIS measures.

- HEDIS_CalculationSpecification_MY2026
- HEDIS_DataDictionaries_MY2026
- MY2026_HEDIS_CalculationDictionary
- MY2026_MeasureDD_Crosswalk
- MY2026_CalculationDD_Crosswalk
- MY2026_IndicatorDD_Crosswalk
- MY2026_HEDIS_Indicator_Dictionary
- MY2026_HEDIS_Measure_Dictionary
- MACQRS - schema
- MedicaidQrs_MY2026_Template
- MedicaidQrs_MY2026_ResultsDataDictionary
- MedicaidQrs_MY2026_Results