

# Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD-E)

2025

Children ages 6–12

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## Measure definition

Children with **newly** prescribed **and** dispensed attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication who had at least three follow-up visits within a 10-month period, one within 30 days of when the first ADHD medication was dispensed.

**Intake period:** March 1 of year prior to measurement period through the last calendar day of February of measurement period.

Two phases are reported

- **Initiation phase:** One follow-up visit with a practitioner **with** prescribing authority **within 30 days** of **first prescription** of ADHD medication
- **Continuation and maintenance phase:** Remained on medication for at least 210 days **and** had at least two follow-up visits with a practitioner in the 9 months after initiation phase



### Medical record requirements

- Member legal name and date of birth
- Provider/practice identifier
- Provider Business Group (PBG) name and number
- Date of service (DOS)
- Applicable lab/test results and date collected



### Commonly used claim codes\*

(Not all-inclusive; can submit through electronic clinical data systems)

- BH outpatient: **98960**
- Health and behavior assessment or intervention: **96156, 96158, 96159, 96164, 96165**
- Telephone visit: **99442**

### Exclusions

- Narcolepsy: **G47.411**
- Hospice encounter: **G9473**

Medical record submission methods may not be applicable to all plan types.  
For more details, you can reach out to your HEDIS plan representative.

## Required exclusions (Other exclusions may also apply)

- Members in hospice or using hospice services anytime during measurement year
- Members who died during measurement year
- Members with a diagnosis of narcolepsy anytime during their history through December 31 of measurement period

## Insights and recommendations

- Don't count a visit on the IPSD (index prescription start date) as the initiation phase visit
- Schedule follow-up visits extending 10 months after a newly prescribed prescription
- Follow-up with members who cancel appointments
- A telehealth or/telephone visit counts as a follow up within 30 days after IPSD
- Any of the following visits with a prescribing practitioner are appropriate for **both** phases:
  - Outpatient
  - Behavioral health outpatient
  - Observation visits
  - Partial hospitalization or intensive outpatient encounters
  - Community mental health center

\*FOR COMMONLY USED CODES: Not a comprehensive list of codes.

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