
Measure: C18 - Getting Appointments and Care Quickly

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Label for Stars: Getting Appointments & Care Quickly

Label for Data: Getting Appointments & Care Quickly (on a scale from 0 to 100)

Description: Percent of the best possible score the plan earned on how quickly members get appointments and care.

Metric: This case-mix adjusted composite measure is used to assess how quickly the member was able to get appointments and care. The Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) score uses the mean of the distribution of responses converted to a scale from 0 to 100. The score shown is the percentage of the best possible score each contract earned.

Primary Data Source: CAHPS

Data Source Description: CAHPS Survey Questions (question numbers vary depending on survey type):

- In the last 6 months, when you needed care right away, how often did you get care as soon as you needed?
- In the last 6 months, how often did you get an appointment for a check-up or routine care as soon as you needed?
- In the last 6 months, how often did you see the person you came to see within 15 minutes of your appointment time?

Data Source Category: Survey of Enrollees

General Notes: CAHPS Survey results were sent to each contract's Medicare Compliance Officer in August 2021. These reports provide further explanation of the CAHPS scoring methodology and provide detailed information on why a specific rating was assigned.

Data Time Frame: 03/2021 – 05/2021

General Trend: Higher is better

Statistical Method: Relative Distribution and Significance Testing

Improvement Measure: Included

CAI Usage: Not Included

Case-Mix Adjusted: Yes

Weighting Category: Patients' Experience and Complaints Measure

Weighting Value: 2

Major Disaster: Higher measure star (2021-2022) for contracts with 25% or more enrolled affected by 2020 disasters.

Meaningful Measure Area: Patient's Experience of Care

NQF #: 0006

Data Display: Numeric with no decimal place

Reporting Requirements:	1876 Cost	CCP w/o SNP	CCP with SNP	CCP with Only I-SNP	MSA	PDP	PFFS
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Base Group Cut Points:	Base Group 1	Base Group 2	Base Group 3	Base Group 4	Base Group 5
	< 75	>= 75 to < 77	>= 77 to < 80	>= 80 to < 82	>= 82

These technical notes show the base group cut points for CAHPS measures; please see the [Attachment J](#) for the CAHPS Methodology for final star assignment rules.