
Measure: C17 - Getting Needed Care

Title	Description
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Label for Stars: Ease of Getting Needed Care and Seeing Specialists

Label for Data: Ease of Getting Needed Care and Seeing Specialists (on a scale from 0 to 100)

Description: Percent of the best possible score the plan earned on how easy it is for members to get needed care, including care from specialists.

Metric: This case-mix adjusted composite measure is used to assess how easy it was for a member to get needed care and see specialists. 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, how often did you get an appointment to see a specialist as soon as you needed?
- In the last 6 months, how often was it easy to get the care, tests or treatment you needed?

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
	< 79	>= 79 to < 82	>= 82 to < 84	>= 84 to < 85	>= 85

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.