



Annual Dental Visits for Children Aged 2-21

Best Practice

The Oral Health Initiative, a program of the American Academy of Pediatrics states, “Because pediatricians and family practitioners see children early and frequently for preventive health care, they are ideally positioned to serve as the first contact in the area of oral health, particularly for children ages 0-3. They can identify children at risk for oral health problems; assess exposure to fluoride; provide anticipatory guidance and parent education; provide preventive services such as fluoride varnish application where appropriate; and make timely referrals to a dental home.”

Wellness Report

Molina Healthcare uses Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) rates to monitor the percentage of members 2-21 years of age who had at least one annual dental visit in the calendar year.

| HEDIS® Measure | 2008 Rate | 2009 Rate | Goal |
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| Annual Dental Visits – 2-21 years | 43.84% | 45.06% | 51.30% |

* National NCQA 75th percentile for Medicaid HMO plans.

To view the *Oral Health Initiative* in its entirety, please visit <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/oralhealth.cfm> and click on AAP Oral Health Initiative Website.

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