

# HEDIS® Tip Sheet

## Oral Evaluation, Dental Services (OED)

### Measure Description

The percentage of members under 21 years of age who received a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation with a dental provider during the measurement year.

The following four age stratifications and total rate are reported:

- 0-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-14 years
- 15-20 years
- Total

### Required Exclusions

- Members in hospice or using hospice services any time during the measurement year.
- Members who died any time during the measurement year.

### Codes Included in the Current HEDIS® Measure

| Description                              | Code                     |
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| Oral Evaluation (with a dental provider) | CDT: D0120, D0145, D0150 |

### Ways to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Remind parents of their dental benefits.
- Encourage regular check-up visits with a dentist that includes a physical exam, oral cleaning and x-rays.
- Help patients schedule an appointment to see a dentist.
- Provider appointment reminder calls or postcards to help ensure that patients do not miss appointments.

“Annual dental visits and oral care throughout childhood and adolescence can significantly reduce the risks of developing oral disease.”

Reference: Trends in oral health status: United states,1988–1994 and ... (n.d.). Retrieved from [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr\\_11/sr11\\_248.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_11/sr11_248.pdf)

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