

Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment (IET)

New for 2025

Added

- A lab claim exclusion was added to the substance use disorder counseling and surveillance gap closure criteria

Definition

Percentage of new episodes of substance use disorder (SUD) that result in 1 or both of the following:

- **Initiation of SUD treatment:** Percentage of new SUD episodes that result in treatment through an inpatient SUD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter, partial hospitalization, telehealth or medication treatment within 14 days of diagnosis
- **Engagement of SUD treatment:** Percentage of new SUD episodes that result in treatment within 34 days of initiation visit

Plans(s) affected	Quality program(s) affected	Collection and reporting method
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Exchange/Marketplace • Medicaid • Medicare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS Quality Rating System • NCQA Accreditation • NCQA Health Plan Ratings - IET Engagement Only 	<p>Administrative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claim/encounter data

Codes

The following codes can be used to close HEDIS numerator gaps in care; they are not intended to be a directive of your billing practice.

All of the following scenarios must include a diagnosis of 1 of the below on the claim:

- Alcohol use disorder
- Opioid use disorder
- Other drug abuse and dependence

Acute or nonacute inpatient visit

For numerator compliance for engagement of treatment, at least 2 of the following scenarios must have been met on the day after the initiation encounter through 34 days after. Two engagement visits can be on the same date, but must be with different providers.

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Scenario 1 : Inpatient stay

UBREV	0101, 0100, 0207, 0116, 0126, 0136, 0146, 0156, 0110, 0120, 0130, 0140, 0150, 0160, 0170, 0190, 0200, 0210, 1000, 0213, 0214, 0206, 0202, 0111, 0121, 0131, 0141, 0151, 0211, 0171, 0172, 0173, 0174, 0122, 0132, 0142, 0152, 0112, 0117, 0127, 0137, 0147, 0157, 0119, 0129, 0139, 0149, 0159, 0169, 0219, 0209, 0179, 0199, 0113, 0123, 0133, 0143, 0153, 0203, 0114, 0124, 0134, 0144, 0154, 0204, 0212, 0118, 0128, 0138, 0148, 0158, 1002, 1001, 0167, 0164, 0191, 0192, 0193, 0194, 0201, 0208
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Scenario 2: Outpatient visits with outpatient place of service code(s)

CPT®/CPT II	90791, 90792, 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, 90839, 90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875, 90876, 99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, 99239, 99252, 99253, 99254, 99255
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AND
Place of service code

Code	Location	Code	Location
03	School	17	Walk-in retail health clinic
05	Indian Health Service free-standing facility	18	Place of employment - worksite
07	Tribal 638 free-standing facility	19	Off-campus outpatient hospital
09	Prison/correctional facility	20	Urgent care facility
11	Office	22	On-campus outpatient hospital
12	Home	33	Custodial care facility
13	Assisted living facility	49	Independent clinic
14	Group home	50	Federally qualified health center
15	Mobile unit	71	Public health clinic
16	Temporary lodging	72	Rural health clinic

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Scenario 3: Behavioral health outpatient visit

CPT®/CPT II	99483, 98961, 98962, 98960, 99345, 99342, 99344, 99341, 99350, 99348, 99349, 99347, 99510, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99384, 99382, 99381, 99383, 99494, 99492, 99245, 99243, 99244, 99242, 99205, 99203, 99204, 99202, 99211, 99215, 99213, 99214, 99212, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99394, 99392, 99391, 99393, 99078, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99411, 99412, 99493
HCPCS	G0176, H0040, H0039, H0004, H0002, T1015, H0037, H0036, H2015, H2016, H2010, H2000, H2011, G0463, H0034, H0031, H2013, H2017, H2018, G0512, G0155, H2014, G0409, H2019, H2020, G0177
SNOMED	866149003, 444971000124105, 84251009, 77406008, 50357006, 281036007, 209099002, 90526000, 456201000124103, 391261003, 391257009, 391260002, 391225008, 391223001, 391224007, 3391000175108, 185464004, 86013001, 439740005, 391242002, 391237005, 391239008, 391233009, 185463005, 185465003
UBREV	0904, 0917, 0983, 0521, 0517, 0523, 0916, 0510, 0520, 0900, 0915, 0522, 0914, 0902, 0919, 0519, 0529, 0982, 0515, 0903, 0513, 0911, 0516, 0526, 0528, 0527

Scenario 4: Intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with partial hospitalization place of service code

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AND

Place of service code

Code	Location
52	Psychiatric facility - partial hospitalization

Scenario 5: Intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization

HCPCS	H2012, S9485, S9484, G0410, S9480, G0411, H0035, S0201, H2001
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Scenario 5: Intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization

SNOMED	305347001, 305345009, 305346005, 391048007, 391046006, 391047002, 391188004, 391187009, 391186000, 391185001, 391054008, 391038005, 391170007, 391153004, 391152009, 391150001, 391151002, 391195008, 391194007, 391191004, 391192006, 391211007, 391210008, 391209003, 391207001, 391208006, 391056005, 391133003, 391055009, 391256000, 391255001, 391252003, 391254002, 391042008, 391043003, 7133001, 391232004, 391228005, 391229002
UBREV	0905, 0907, 0912, 0913

Scenario 6: Non-residential substance abuse treatment facility with non-residential substance abuse treatment facility place of service code

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Code	Location
57	Non-residential substance abuse treatment facility
58	Non-residential opioid treatment facility

Scenario 7: Community mental health center visit with community mental health place of service code

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AND

Place of service code

Code	Location
53	Community mental health center

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Scenario 8: Telehealth visit with telehealth place of service code

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AND

Place of service code

Code	Location
02	Telehealth
10	Telehealth

Scenario 9: Substance use disorder services

CPT®/CPT II	99408, 99409
HCPCS	H0001, H0022, H0050, H0007, H0005, H0015, H0016, H0047, H2036, H2035, G0396, G0397, T1006, T1012, G0443
SNOMED	827094004, 720175009, 707166002, 20093000, 720176005, 713127001, 370776007, 428211000124100, 711008001, 445662007, 774091000, 763302001, 450760003, 774090004, 445628007, 763104007, 704182008, 772813001, 865964007, 763233002, 87106005, 23915005, 182969009, 64297001, 67516001, 266707007, 792901003, 792902005, 310653000, 414054004, 414056002, 61480009, 720174008, 56876005, 720177001, 414283008, 414501008, 713107002, 713106006, 370854007, 415662004, 385989002, 386449006, 386450006, 386451005
UBREV	0906, 0944, 0945

Scenario 10: Substance abuse counseling and surveillance

ICD-10 Diagnosis | Z71.41, Z71.51 (do not include lab claims (claims with POS 81))

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Scenario 11: Telephone visit

CPT®/CPT II	98967, 98968, 98966, 99442, 99443, 99441
SNOMED	386472008, 314849005, 185317003, 386473003, 401267002

Scenario 12: Online assessment (e-visit/virtual check-in)

CPT®/CPT II	99422, 99423, 99421, 98971, 98972, 98970, 99458, 99457, 98981, 98980
HCPCS	G2252, G2012, G2251, G0071, G2250, G2010

Scenario 13: Opioid treatment service

ODD weekly billing non-drug treatment

HCPCS	G2071, G2074, G2075, G2076, G2077, G2080
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ODD weekly billing drug treatment

HCPCS	G2067, G2068, G2069, G2070, G2072, G2073
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ODD monthly office-based treatment

HCPCS	G2086, G2087
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Scenario 14: Medication treatment for alcohol use disorder

HCPCS	J2315, G2073
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One or more medication dispensing events for alcohol use disorder:

Drug category	Medications
Aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disulfiram (oral)
Antagonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naltrexone (oral and injectable)
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acamprosate (oral; delayed-release tablet)

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Scenario 15: Medication treatment for opioid use disorder

HCPCS	G2067, G2068, G2069, G2070, G2072, G2073, G2078, G2079, H0020, H0033, J0570, J0571, J0572, J0573, J0574, J0575, J2315, Q9991, Q9992, S0109
SNOMED	310653000
Drug category	Medications
Antagonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naltrexone (oral and injectable)
Partial agonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buprenorphine/naloxone (sublingual tablet, buccal film, sublingual film)

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Required exclusion(s)

Exclusion	Time frame
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members in hospice or using hospice services Members who died 	Any time during the measurement year



Important notes

Test, service or procedure to close care opportunity

- Episode date is the earliest date of service for an observation, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, outpatient, telehealth, detoxification or ED visit not resulting in an inpatient stay with a substance use disorder diagnosis between Nov.15 of the year prior to the measurement year through Nov.14 of the measurement year. For inpatient stay or detoxification during an inpatient stay, episode date is the date of discharge.

- Initiation of SUD Treatment must take place within 14 days of the episode date
- Claims must include the visit code, original episode diagnosis and, when applicable, a place of service code
- If the episode was an inpatient discharge or an ED visit resulting in an inpatient stay, the inpatient stay is considered initiation of treatment and the member is compliant

- Initiation of SUD treatment through:
- Acute or non-acute inpatient stay
 - Group visits with an appropriate place of service code and diagnosis code
 - Medication dispensing event
 - Medication treatment
 - Online assessment with diagnosis code
 - Stand-alone visits with an appropriate place of service code and diagnosis code
 - Telephone visit with diagnosis code

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Important notes (cont.)

- Engagement of SUD treatment is compliance with the initiation treatment AND 1 of the following between the day after and 34 days after the initiation visit:
 - At least 2 inpatient, outpatient or medication treatment visits (excluding methadone billed on a pharmacy claim)
 - A long-acting SUD medication administration event (MOUD/MAUD)
- Claims must include the visit code, original episode diagnosis and, when applicable, a place of service code
- For members who initiated treatment through an inpatient admission, the 34-day period for the 2 engagement visits begins the day after their discharge

Test, service or procedure to close care opportunity

Engagement of SUD treatment when a member meets the criteria for initiation of treatment and proceeds with 2 or more of the following:

- Acute or non-acute inpatient stay
- Group visits with an appropriate place of service code and diagnosis code
- Medication dispensing event
- Medication treatment
- Online assessment with diagnosis code
- Stand-alone visits with an appropriate place of service code and diagnosis code
- Telephone visit with diagnosis code
- E-visit or virtual check-in

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Tips and best practices to help close this care opportunity

This measure focuses on follow-up treatment when diagnosing a patient with substance use disorder.

- Use screening tools to aid in diagnosing
- Screening tools (e.g., SBIRT, AUDIT-PC, Audit C Plus 2, CAGE-AID and CUDIT-R) assist in the assessment of substance use and can aid the discussion around referral for treatment. Code “Unspecified use” diagnoses sparingly. Screening tools available at providerexpress.com > Clinical Resources > Behavioral Health Toolkit for Medical Providers.
- Schedule a follow-up appointment prior to patient leaving the office with you or a substance use specialist to occur within 14 days and then 2 more visits with you or a substance use treatment provider within the next 34 days
- When a patient is in remission, please remember to remove the original diagnosis and use remission codes:
 - Alcohol abuse in remission (F10.11)
 - Alcohol dependence in remission (F10.21)
 - Cannabis abuse in remission (F12.11)
 - Other psychoactive substance dependence in remission (F19.21)
- If patient has started MOUD/MAUD then they only need 1 MOUD/MAUD follow-up visit in 34 days
- Sharing member demographic data is critical to understanding the cultural, linguistic and social needs of those we serve and decreasing health inequities across the care continuum. This data can include, but is not limited to, race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, pronouns, sex assigned at birth and disability status.
 - As part of the UnitedHealthcare clinical structured data exchange program, we encourage you to include this demographic data with any structured data file or CCD. Your information is confidential. UnitedHealthcare will keep personally identifiable information confidential and won't disclose any information without your written consent.
- Encourage the use of telehealth appointments when appropriate
- Encourage newly diagnosed individuals to include their family in their treatment
- Although community supports, such as AA and NA, are beneficial, they do not take the place of professional treatment
- Encourage newly diagnosed individuals to accept treatment by assisting them in identifying their own reasons for change
- If you need to refer your patient to a substance use specialist or need to request coordination of care, please call the number on the back of the patient's health plan ID card or search liveandworkwell.com

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- The patient must receive an initiation of substance use disorder treatment within 14 days; without this initiation visit, they are not eligible for closing the engagement care gap thereafter within 34 days
- It is critical to ensure patients who no longer qualify for a SUD diagnoses are noted as in remission using the suitable F code to ensure members do not have a gap in care inappropriately (e.g., F11.21 = opioid dependence, in remission; F10.21 = alcohol dependence, in remission)

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