

Indicator Domain: UTILIZATION

Indicator C.2. Utilization of Services, Dental Services (NQF #2511)

Source: American Dental Association (ADA) on behalf of the Dental Quality Alliance (DQA)

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1. Description

Percentage of all enrolled children under age 21 who received at least one dental service within the reporting year

- **Numerator:** Unduplicated number of children who received at least one dental service
- **Denominator:** Unduplicated number of all enrolled children under age 21

2. Framework Domain

Utilization

- Use of services: Provision and utilization of services by a group of individuals identified by enrollment in a health plan or through use of clinical services³⁹

3. Level of Reporting

This measure is intended to be used at a systems level, such as at the Medicaid program or dental plan level.

4. Data Source

Administrative claims and enrollment data; single year. When using claims data to determine service receipt, include both paid and unpaid claims (including pending, suspended, and denied claims).

5. Critical Data Elements

Enrollment Database	Claims Database
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member ID • Date of birth • Enrollment start and end dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member ID • Date of service • CDT codes • National Uniform Claim Committee health care provider taxonomy codes

³⁹ National Quality Measures Clearinghouse. N.d. [Guidelines and Measures](#) [webpage].

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