

Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD)

SUMMARY OF CHANGES: THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THIS MEASURE.

Children ages 6 to 12 who have been newly prescribed an ADHD medication should be scheduled for at least three follow-up care visits within a 10-month period. One of these visits should be within 30 days of when the ADHD medication was first dispensed. All visits should be with a practitioner with prescribing authority.

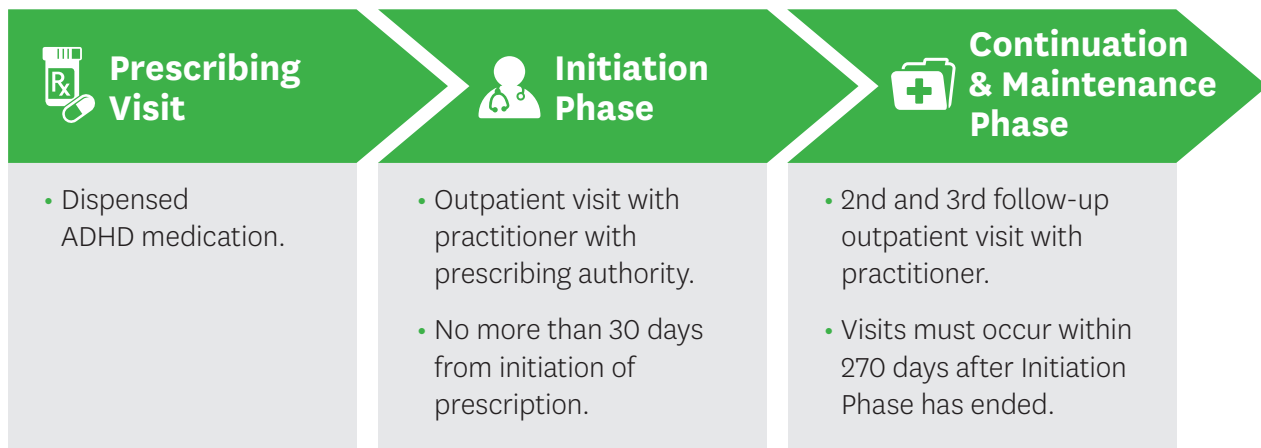
Two phases are reported for HEDIS:

1 Initiation Phase:

- A follow-up visit with the prescribing practitioner must occur within 30 days after the date on which the ADHD medication was newly prescribed.

2 Continuation and Maintenance (C&M) Phase:

- At least two follow-up visits with a practitioner must occur within 270 days after the Initiation Phase for members ages 6 to 12 who remained on the dispensed ADHD medication for at least 210 days. These follow-up visits must be in addition to the visit that occurred in the Initiation Phase.
- One of the two C&M visits may be a telephone or telehealth visit with the prescribing practitioner.



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To Improve HEDIS Measure:

- Prescribe only one month of medication to ensure that the member returns to the office within 30 days.
- Consider scheduling all three follow-up appointments prior to the member leaving the office.
Appointments can be:
 - Initiation Phase follow up: within 30 days of the new prescription.
 - C&M Phase first follow up: In three months.
 - C&M Phase second follow up: In six to nine months.
- Educate the member and their parent / guardian about the need to reevaluate whether the medications are working as intended after two to three weeks and to regularly monitor the effects afterward.
- Submit the correct CPT® codes.
- Use telehealth as an option for improving compliance.

