PERFORMANCE MEASURE 11

Percent of children with and without special health care needs, ages 0 through 17, who have a medical home

GOAL

To increase the percent of children with and without special health care needs who have a medical home

DEFINITION

Numerator:

Number of children with and without special health care needs, ages 0 through 17, who meet the criteria for having a medical home (personal doctor or nurse, usual source for care, and family-centered care; referrals or care coordination if needed)

Denominator:

Number of children, ages 0 through 17

Units: 100 Text: Percent

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVE

Identical to Maternal, Infant, and Child Health (MICH) Objectives 30.1: Increase the proportion of children who have access to a medical home, (Baseline: 57.5%, Target: 63.3%) and 30.2: Increase the proportion of children with special health care needs who have access to a medical home. (Baseline: 49.8%, Target: 54.8%)

Related to Objective Maternal, Infant, and Child Health (MICH) Objective 31: Increase the proportion of children with special health care needs who receive their care in family-centered, comprehensive, coordinated systems. (Baseline: 20.4% for children aged 0-11, Target: 22.4%; Baseline: 13.8% for children aged 12 through 17, Target 15.2%)

DATA SOURCES and DATA ISSUES

National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH)

MCH POPULATION DOMAIN

Children with Special Health Care Needs or All Children (CSHCN and non-CSHCN)

SIGNIFICANCE

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) specifies seven qualities essential to medical home care, which include accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective. Providing comprehensive and coordinated care to children in a medical home is the standard of pediatric practice. Research indicates that children with a stable and continuous source of health care are more likely to receive appropriate preventive care, are less likely to be hospitalized for preventable conditions, and are more likely to be diagnosed early for chronic or disabling conditions. The Maternal and Child Health Bureau uses the AAP definition of medical home.

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