Why is the HEDIS® ADD measure important?
Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common behavioral health disorders in children. To ensure medication is prescribed and managed correctly, it is essential that children be carefully monitored by a practitioner with prescribing authority.

ADD Measure Description
The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) ADD measure1 evaluates follow-up care and medication compliance. This measure applies to children 6 to 12 years old who were newly2 prescribed medication to treat ADHD in the ambulatory setting.

Document two separate phases of this measure:
• **Initiation Phase**
  • One or more follow-up visits within 30 days from the date the prescription was filled
  • One visit must be face-to-face
• **Continuation and Maintenance Phase**
  • Member remained on the ADHD medication for at least 210 days
  • Two or more follow-up visits within 270 days after the end of the initiation phase (day 31 to 300 from the prescription fill date)
  • One of two visits may be by either telephone or telehealth, depending upon the member’s benefits

Medical Record Documentation and Best Practices
• Comply with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendation of both behavioral therapy and medication for children 6 to 12 years old³
• Educate the patient and caregivers about:
  • Common side effects such as increased blood pressure, weight loss, anxiety, agitation and insomnia
  • Potential for abuse and use of legal medication for illegal purposes
• Refer the member to a psychiatrist for consultation when clinically appropriate
• Ensure coordination of care by sending progress notes and updates
• Reach out to members who cancel appointments and assist them with rescheduling as soon as possible

Behavioral Health Codes
Coding Instructions
Use ICD-10, CPT® and HCPCS to close gaps

ADD Stand Alone Visits

ADD Visits Group 1
CPT: 90791, 90845, 90875, 90792, 90847, 90876, 90832-90834, 90849, 90836-90840, 90853

ADD Visits Group 2
CPT: 99221-99223, 99239, 99238, 99251-99255
CPT: 98966-98968, 99441-99443

Telephone Modifier Value Set: 95 GT
POS: 02

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1 NCQA HEDIS 2019 Technical specifications for health plans, volume 2, Washington DC, 2020
2 Defined as no ADHD medication filled in past 120 days
3 AAP, ADHD: Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis, Evaluation, and Treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder in Children and Adolescents, October 2019, https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/144/4/e20192528

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