



# Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Abuse (FUA)

HEDIS® Measurement Year 2023

**Measure Description:** The percentage of emergency department (ED) visits among members 13 years of age and older with a principal diagnosis of substance use disorder (SUD), or any diagnosis of drug overdose, for which there was follow-up. Two rates are reported:

1. The percentage of ED visits for which the member received follow-up within 30 days of the ED visit (31 total days).
2. The percentage of ED visits for which the member received follow-up within 7 days of the ED visit (8 total days).

## Eligible Population

- Members who are 13 years of age or older on the date of the ED visit with a principal diagnosis of SUD or any diagnosis of drug overdose on or between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement year.
- Members who are in hospice or receiving palliative care are excluded from the eligible population.

**Note:** Members may have more than one ED visit in the measurement year. If a member has more than one ED visit in a 31-day period, include only the first eligible ED visit.

## Measure Compliance - (numerator)

A follow-up visit or a pharmacotherapy dispensing event (two rates are reported)

- within 30 days after the ED visit, including on the date of the ED visit (31 total days).
- within 7 days after the ED visit, including on the date of the ED visit (8 total days).

## Measure Compliance (numerator), continued

Any of the following meet criteria for a follow-up visit:

- An outpatient, telehealth, observation, or telephone visit with any diagnosis of SUD or with a MH provider
- An e-visit or virtual check-in visit with any diagnosis of SUD or with a MH provider
- A community MH center visit with any diagnosis of SUD or with a MH provider
- An intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with any diagnosis of SUD or with a MH provider
- A non-residential substance abuse treatment facility visit with any diagnosis of SUD or with a MH provider
- A peer support service with any diagnosis of SUD
- A substance use disorder or substance use service, or opioid treatment service
- A behavioral health screening or assessment for SUD or mental health disorders
- A pharmacotherapy dispensing event or medication treatment event



## Numerator Codes

A large list of NCQA approved codes is used to identify numerator services for this measure.

The complete NCQA approved code set can be referenced in the coding guide at

<https://www.healthplan.org/providers/patient-care-programs/quality-measures>.

For questions, please contact your practice management consultant. To identify your practice management consultant, please refer to

<https://healthplan.org/providers/overview/meet-practice-management-consultant>.

*The Health Plan has a team of member advocates, health coaches, social workers and nurses who can assist you and your patients to remove or overcome any barriers to care through benefit assistance, community resource referrals or enrollment in a THP clinical program. To refer a patient who is a THP member for assistance, call **1.877.903.7504** and let us know what we can do to help your patient receive and adhere to your recommended plan of care*