

Improve Patients' Behavioral Health Outcomes With Accurate HEDIS Reporting

As health care providers, delivering high-quality behavioral health (BH) care requires accurate reporting for related Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS^{®1}) measures. Proper documentation of mental health diagnoses, treatment plans, and follow-up visits are crucial for achieving this goal. In this context, we are focusing on several key HEDIS measures, including:

- [Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment \(IET\)](#)
- [Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Abuse \(FUA\)](#)
- [Follow-Up After High-Intensity Care for Substance Use Disorder \(FUI\)](#)
- [Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness \(FUH\)](#)
- [Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness \(FUM\)](#)

Evidence-Based Best Practices

To ensure high-quality care, health care providers can adhere to evidence-based practices. This includes using standardized screening tools like PHQ-2 and PHQ-9 to assess patients' mental health and substance use disorders.

To support these efforts, consider the following best practices to contribute to improved patient health outcomes:

- Accurate and timely recording of CPT and HCPCS codes, such as 98960-98962 and G0155, are essential for capturing behavioral health screenings and follow-up visits
- Engaging patients, families, and support systems in treatment plans
- Advising them about the importance of treatment and attending appointments

By adhering to these practices and incorporating the HEDIS guidelines into your care delivery, you may effectively improve patient outcomes, enhance quality scores, and contribute to the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care.

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