

## Appendix: Measure Specification

### Reporting of Supplemental CAHPS Data Regarding Availability of Treatment or Counseling Services for Children on Medicaid

#### Description

This measure assesses the proportion of states that collect and report CAHPS data regarding whether parents easily get treatment or counseling for their Medicaid-enrolled children when the child has an emotional, developmental, or behavioral problem.

Specifically, this measure assesses the proportion of States that sample their Medicaid populations and report the percentage of parents who responded “Usually” or “Always” to the treatment or counseling availability question from version 4.0 of the Item Set for Children with Chronic Conditions (CCC) or its equivalent question in future versions. In version 4.0, this question is written as “In the last 6 months, how often was it easy to get this treatment or counseling for your child?”

#### Calculation

This measure uses data on parent perceptions of the availability of treatment or counseling for Medicaid-enrolled children experiencing emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems. The data are collected via an individual question from the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS), specifically the Item Set for CCC supplement to the CAHPS Health Plan Survey – Child Medicaid Survey.

This measure is calculated as the numerator divided by the denominator.

#### Specification

**Denominator** The denominator is the individual State required to report the CAHPS Health Plan Survey—Child Medicaid version and therefore will always be one (1).

**Numerator** A numerator of one (1) demonstrates that a particular State collects the treatment or counseling availability question from the CAHPS Item Set for Children with Chronic Conditions and publicly reports the results of the individual question among their Medicaid-only (Chapter XIX) population. A numerator of zero (0) demonstrates that the State does not publicly report those results.

#### Definitions

**CAHPS** Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems. CAHPS is a program of the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). As mandated by the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009, the Federal Government requires that States administer CAHPS to their Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) populations (Chapter XXI) and report to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that CAHPS was conducted.

**Item Set for CCC** This is an extensive set of supplemental items for the CAHPS Health Plan Survey. The purpose of these survey items is to assess the experiences of children with special health care needs with health plans and health care services.

**Reporting** Reporting of this CAHPS measure by a State program may take any form that clearly conveys the results of this question; it may be reported alone, or as one component of a broader array of parent-reported availability and access measures that include this specific treatment or counseling availability question.

#### Eligible Population

The CAHPS Health Plan Survey – Child Medicaid Survey is administered to parents with children under 18 years of age who are enrolled in Medicaid during the measurement year.