

CYE 2025 VBP Benchmarks

Benchmark Setting Methodology

In order to establish the VBP Threshold Benchmark and the High Performing Benchmark, AHCCCS conducted a comparison of the line of business aggregate performance measure rate with the associated measure's NCQA Quality Compass percentile data. The NCQA Quality Compass percentile data were then utilized to inform the selection of an appropriate benchmark. For the CYE 2025 VBP benchmark selection, AHCCCS utilized the most current data available (e.g., CY 2022 line of business aggregate rates and the associated measures' 2023 NCQA Quality Compass percentile data) to identify the Medicaid Percentile. AHCCCS utilized the CYE 2024 Medicaid Percentiles but updated the CYE 2025 benchmark values based on the 2024 NCQA Quality Compass data to reflect more current trends in national performance.

Measure Selection Overview

The AHCCCS Quality Improvement (QI) Team, in collaboration with the Health Care Finance Team and members of AHCCCS leadership, review the ACOM Policy 306 quality measures and associated data annually to identify potential measure changes and to set the benchmarks. The process for measure changes and benchmark setting includes, but is not limited to:

- Review of the most recent MCO and Line of Business performance measure data available,
- Comparison of MCO and Line of Business performance to national Medicaid data (i.e., NCQA Medicaid percentiles),
- Consideration of measure specification changes, measure retirements, etc., and
- Consideration of MCO feedback.

Measures may also be removed from the AHCCCS VBP program when the most recent MCO and Line of Business performance meets or exceeds the NCQA Medicaid 90th percentile. When a measure is removed from either the primary or secondary measure set, AHCCCS generally identifies a replacement measure through consideration of:

- The measure being currently included within the secondary measure set,
- Agency priorities, initiatives, and focus areas, and
- Identified opportunities for improvement based on AHCCCS' review of the most recent MCO and Line of Business performance measure data and comparison to the associated national Medicaid percentile data.



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ACC Primary Measures

Measure Name	Acronym	CY 2025 Calculation Methodology	Weighting	Associated Threshold Benchmark		Associated High Performing Benchmark	
				Medicaid Percentile	Benchmark	Medicaid Percentile	Benchmark
Well Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life: First 15 Months (Rate 1)	W30	Admin	17%	50th Percentile	60.4%	66.67th Percentile	63.3%
Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits – Total	WCV	Admin	17%	33.33th Percentile	48.2%	50th Percentile	51.8%
Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care	PPC	Hybrid	17%	33.33th Percentile	81.9%	50th Percentile	84.6%
Asthma Medication Ratio	AMR	Admin	17%	33.33th Percentile	62.4%	50th Percentile	66.2%
Breast Cancer Screening	BCS	ECDS	17%	33.33th Percentile	49.2%	66.67th Percentile	56.7%
Plan All Cause Readmissions: Observed/Expected (O/E) Ratio ^{1,2}	PCR	Admin	15%	50th Percentile	0.962	66.67th Percentile	0.912

ACC Secondary Measures

Measure Name	Acronym	CY 2025 Calculation Methodology	Weighting	Associated Threshold Benchmark		Associated High Performing Benchmark	
				Medicaid Percentile	Benchmark	Medicaid Percentile	Benchmark
Cervical Cancer Screening	CCS	ECDS	TBD	25th Percentile	49.6%	33.33th Percentile	52.1%
Well Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life: First 30 Months (Rate 2)	W30	Admin	TBD	10th Percentile	59.7%	25th Percentile	65.5%
Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness - 7 Day (Total)	FUM	Admin	TBD	66.67th Percentile	44.3%	75th Percentile	49.5%
Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	SAA	Admin	TBD	10th Percentile	44.7%	25th Percentile	56.1%
Childhood Immunization Status: Combo 3	CIS	ECDS	TBD	33.33th Percentile	61.2%	50th Percentile	64.7%



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Footnotes:

¹ *The Performance Improvement Score will not be assessed for this measure.*

² *Lower rate indicates better performance*

Note: all benchmark values have been rounded.

Performance Measures rates shall be calculated and reported as part of the Performance Measure Validation (PMV) process utilizing NCQA HEDIS® technical specifications for the associated measurement year and in accordance with AHCCCS instructions (measures shall be reflective of NCQA age range reporting, unless otherwise noted). ACC performance measure rates to be limited to the Contractor ACC population only (i.e., not inclusive of the RBHA population for the ACC-RBHA Contractors).

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