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2026 UDS Changes and the First Steps of UDS Data Validation

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Agenda

- Critical UDS Resources
- Review of 2026 UDS Table Changes: Zip Code to Table 6A
- Review of 2026 UDS Table Changes: Tables 6B and 7
- First Steps in UDS Report Preparation

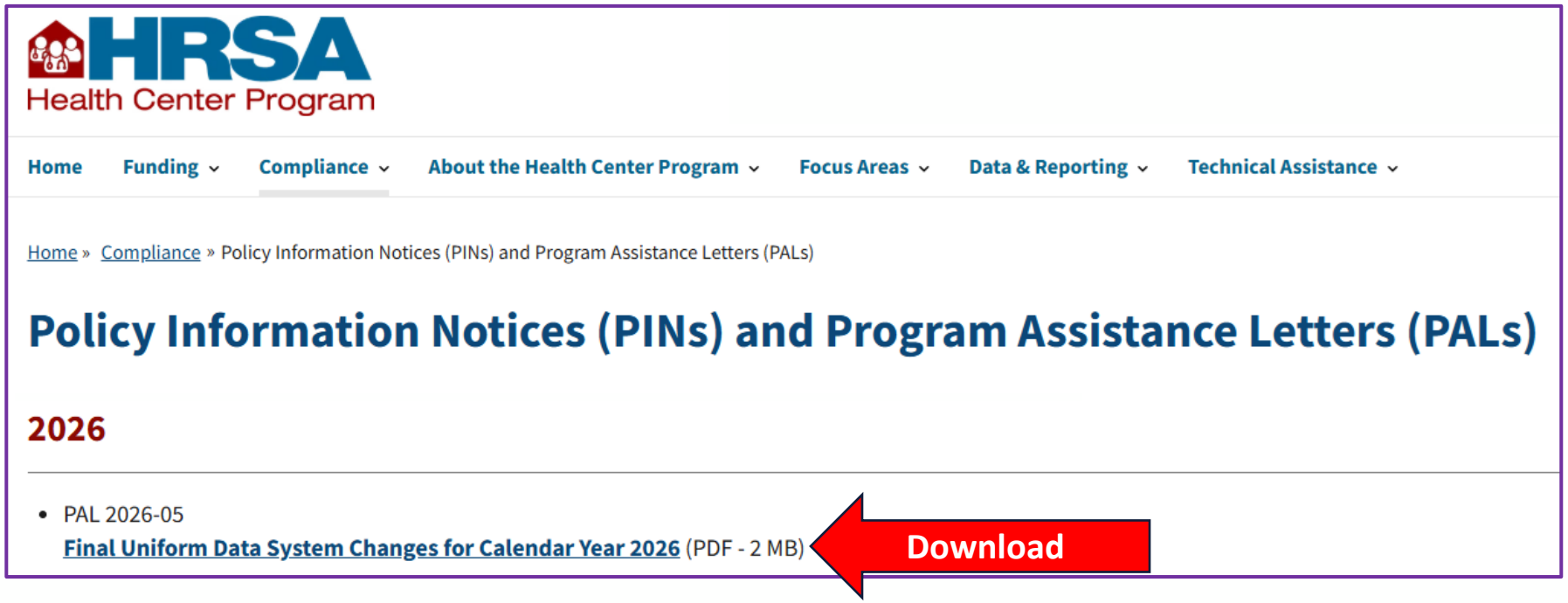
Note that some of the screenshots and information discussed are relative to "today" and that there will be further changes in Relevant before the end of the calendar year

Critical UDS Resources

From HRSA, Relevant and Aliados Health

Final and Official UDS Changes

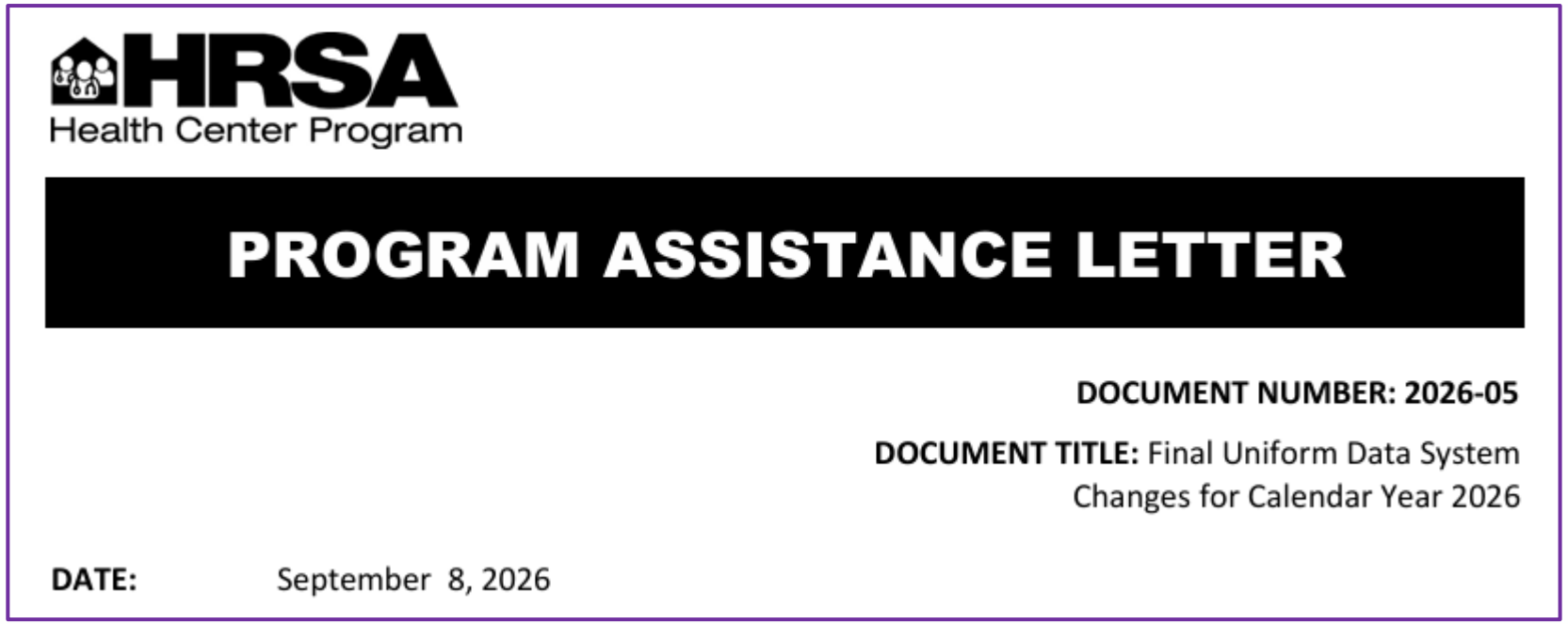
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*Note that the initial announcement for the 2026 changes was PAL **2025**-05. The current official announcement is PAL **2026**-05 (note similar names)*

Today's Discussion

- We will review the details for the demographics and clinical tables in this presentation (up to Table 7)
- This PAL also describes changes to financial tables and appendices (but these will not be discussed)



HRSA
Health Center Program

PROGRAM ASSISTANCE LETTER

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 2026-05

DOCUMENT TITLE: Final Uniform Data System Changes for Calendar Year 2026

DATE: September 8, 2026

HRSA UDS Pages

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/data-reporting/uds-training-and-technical-assistance



Featured resources

- 2026 UDS Manual (PDF - 4 MB)

Download

Provides health centers with detailed reporting instructions and example data tables that support CY26 UDS Reporting.

HRSA Changes Presentation

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bphc/data-reporting/calendar-year-2026-uds-reporting-changes-webinar.pdf



October Webinars

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/data-reporting/uds-training-and-technical-assistance/reporting-training-schedule

UDS Clinical Tables Part 1: Screening and Preventive Care Measures, Thursday, October 15, 2026

October 15, 2026, registration page | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Provides an overview of 2026 reporting requirements for screening and preventive care clinical quality measures across UDS clinical tables.

UDS Clinical Tables Part 2: Maternal Care and Children's Health, Tuesday, October 20, 2026

October 20, 2026, registration page | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Provides an overview of 2026 reporting requirements for clinical quality measures related directly to maternal care and children's health across UDS clinical tables.

UDS Clinical Tables Part 3: Disease Management Thursday, October 29, 2026

October 29, 2026 registration page | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET

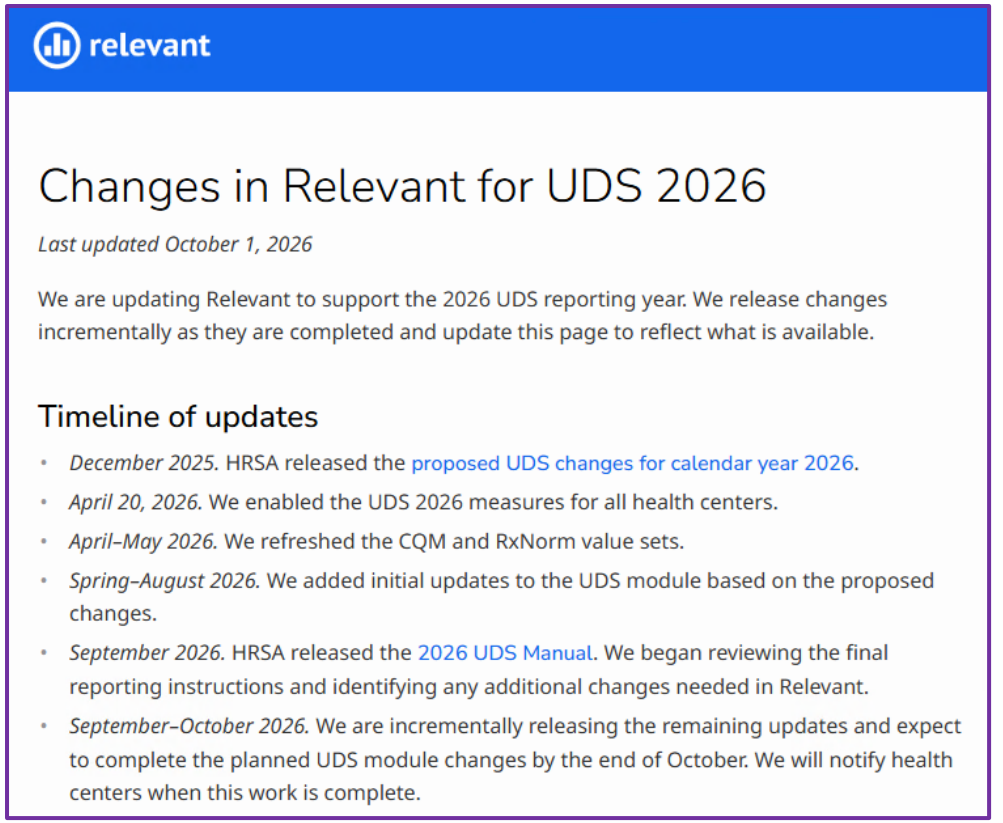
Provides an overview of 2026 reporting requirements for clinical quality measures related to disease management across UDS clinical tables.

Relevant Resources

https://docs.relevant.healthcare/







There may be more changes to this webpage as Relevant is updated

Relevant is Updating the UDS Module Through October

From the Relevant instructions webpage

Timeline of updates

- *December 2025.* HRSA released the proposed UDS changes for calendar year 2026.
- *April 20, 2026.* We enabled the UDS 2026 measures for all health centers.
- *April–May 2026.* We refreshed the CQM and RxNorm value sets.
- *Spring–August 2026.* We added initial updates to the UDS module based on the proposed changes.
- *September 2026.* HRSA released the 2026 UDS Manual. We began reviewing the final reporting instructions and identifying any additional changes needed in Relevant.
- *September–October 2026.* We are incrementally releasing the remaining updates and expect to complete the planned UDS module changes by the end of October. We will notify health centers when this work is complete.

From the Relevant UDS Module (screenshot taken early October 2026)

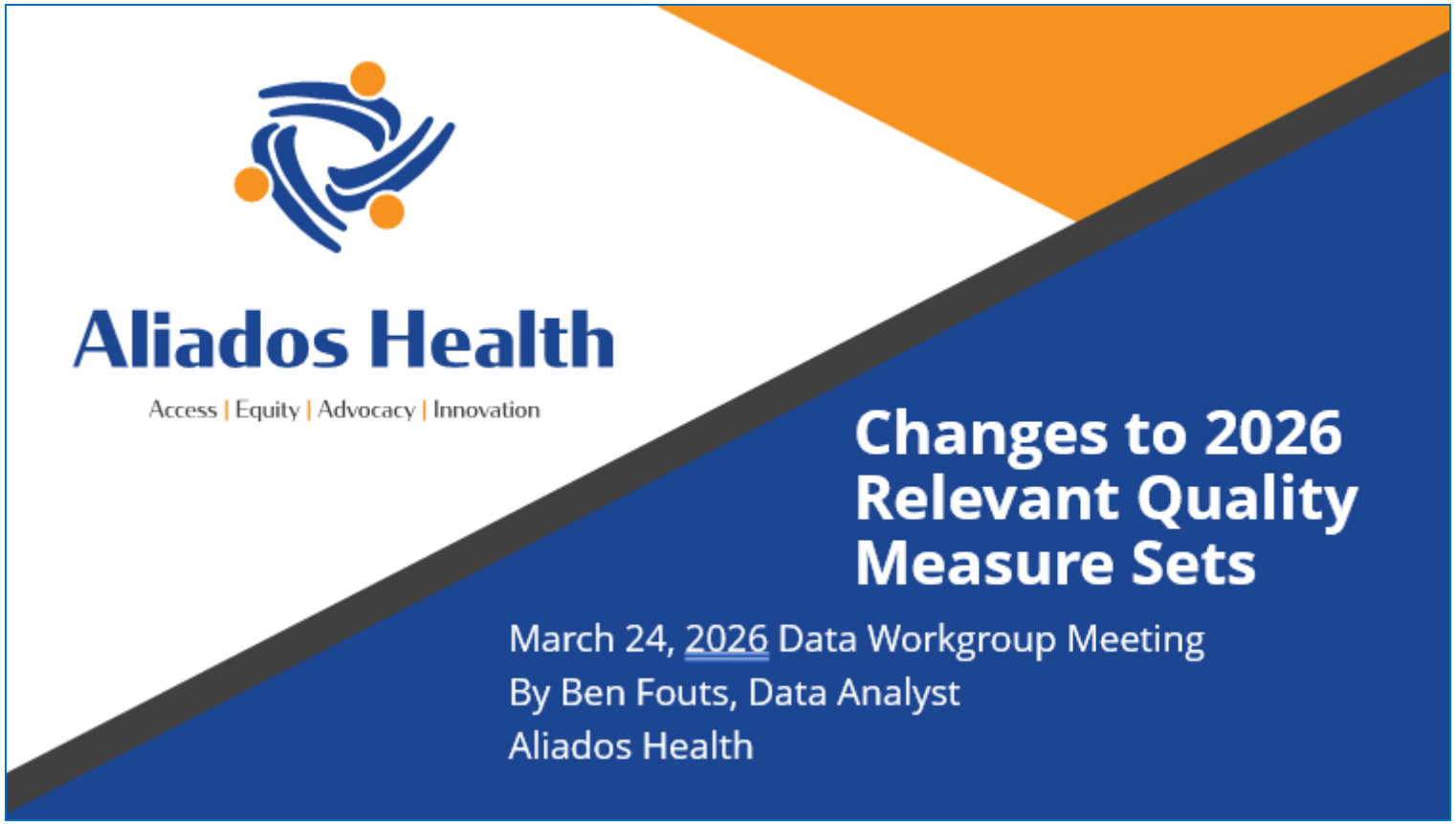
UDS Report - 2026 (Update In-Progress)

For what's new in UDS, frequently asked questions, and additional resources, see our UDS Help Center materials.

Note: tabs with an asterisk (*) indicate areas where we are still making updates to align our logic with HRSA's 2026 UDS Manual.

ZIP Codes | Table 3A | Table 3B | Table 4* | Table 5* | Table 6A* | Table 6B* | Table 7*

Previous Data Workgroup Discussion



Most proposed UDS changes discussed here were implemented

Review of 2026 UDS Table Changes: Zip Code to Table 6A

Based on Final UDS Instructions

Removed (No Longer Reported)

2025

TABLE 4: SELECTED PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Line	Managed Care Utilization	Medicaid (a)	Medicare (b)	Other Public Including Non-Medicaid CHIP (c)	Private (d)	TOTAL (e)
13a	Capitated Member Months					
13b	Fee-for-service Member Months					
13c	**Total Member Months** (Sum of Lines 13a + 13b)					

Removed (No Longer Reported)

2025

TABLE 5: SELECTED SERVICE DETAIL ADDENDUM

Calendar Year: January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

Line	Personnel by Major Service Category: Mental Health Service Detail	Personnel (a1)	Clinic Visits (b)	Virtual Visits (b2)	Patients (c)
20a01	Physicians (other than Psychiatrists)				
20a02	Nurse Practitioners				
20a03	Physician Assistants				
20a04	Certified Nurse Midwives				
Line	**Personnel by Major Service Category: Substance Use Disorder Detail**	**Personnel (a1)**	**Clinic Visits (b)**	**Virtual Visits (b2)**	**Patients (c)**
21a	Physicians (other than Psychiatrists)				
21b	Nurse Practitioners (Medical)				
21c	Physician Assistants				
21d	Certified Nurse Midwives				
21e	Psychiatrists				
21f	Licensed Clinical Psychologists				
21g	Licensed Clinical Social Workers				
21h	Other Licensed Mental Health Providers				

Table 5: Modification to Appearance

2025

20a	Psychiatrists
20a1	Licensed Clinical Psychologists
20a2	Licensed Clinical Social Workers
20b	Other Licensed Mental Health Providers
20c	Other Mental Health Personnel
20	**Total Mental Health Services** (Lines 20a–c)

Line 20b: Change in text displayed but not definition

2026

20b	Other Licensed Mental Health Providers • Family Therapists • Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners • Psychiatric Mental Health Registered Nurses • Other Licensed Mental Health Providers (specify)

Appendix A: Listing of Personnel

2025

Mental Health (Line 20) **and Substance Use** (Line 21)
Social workers—psychiatric (Line 20b or 21)
Family therapists (Line 20b or 21)
RN counselors (Line 20b or 21)
Nurses—psychiatric and mental health (Line 20b)
Psychiatric nurse practitioners (Line 20b)

2026

Mental Health (Line 20) **and Substance Use Disorder** (Line 21) **Personnel**
Licensed social workers—psychiatric (Line 20b or 21)
Family therapists (Line 20b or 21)
Licensed master social worker (Line 20b)
RN counselors (Line 20b or 21)
Registered nurses—psychiatric mental health (Line 20b)
Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (Line 20b)

Line 21: Substance Use Disorder Services

Table 5: “Enabling Services” Renamed

2025	29	**Total Enabling Services** (Lines 24–28)
2026	29	**Total Patient Support Services** (Lines 24–28b)

Table 5: Rows in Patient Support Services Section Re-Ordered and Some Re-Named

2025

24	Case Managers
25	Health Education Specialists
26	Outreach Workers
27	Transportation Personnel
27a	Eligibility Assistance Workers
27b	Interpretation Personnel
27c	Community Health Workers
28	Other Enabling Services (specify)
29	**Total Enabling Services** (Lines 24–28)

2026

24	Case Managers
25	Health Education Specialists
26a	Eligibility Assistance Services Personnel
26b	Outreach Services Personnel
26c	Transportation Services Personnel
27b	Language Assistance Services Personnel
28a	Community Health Workers
28b	Other Patient Support Services Personnel (specify___)
29	**Total Patient Support Services** (Lines 24–28b)

Table 5: Two Rows Combined and Renamed

2025

29a	**Other Programs and Services** Personnel for these programs: • Adult, elderly, and youth programs, such as ADHC, child care, PACE • Basic needs, such as shelters/housing, food, and clothing • Employment, vocational, AmeriCorps or other job training programs • Fitness or exercise programs • Head Start or Healthy Start • Public/Retail pharmacies • Research • Support group services • WIC • Other programs and services (specify___)
29b	**Quality Improvement Personnel**
30a	Management and Support Personnel
30b	Fiscal and Billing Personnel
30c	IT Personnel
31	Facility Personnel
32	Patient Support Personnel
33	**Total Facility and Non-Clinical Support Personnel** (Lines 30a–32)

Combine

Combine

29a: Bullets removed (no change to heading name or definitions)

To 30c

Renamed

2026

29a	**Other Programs and Services**
30a	Management and Support Personnel
30b	Fiscal and Billing Personnel
30c	Information Technology Personnel Renamed
31	Facility Personnel
32	Patient Registration and Health Records Personnel
33	**Total Facility and Support Services Personnel** (Lines 30a–32)

Table 6A: Rows Removed (No Longer Reported)

2025

	Selected Diseases of the Respiratory System	
6a	Respiratory conditions related to COVID-19	**ICD-10:** J12.82, J12.89, J20.8, J40, J22, J98.8, J80 (count codes listed only when code U07.1 **is** also present) **OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1029.374
	Selected Other Medical Conditions	
7	Abnormal breast findings, female	**ICD-10:** C50.01-, C50.11-, C50.21-, C50.31-, C50.41-, C50.51-, C50.61-, C50.81-, C50.91-, C79.81, D05-, D24.-, D48.6-, D49.3, N60- through N65-, R92-
8	Abnormal cervical findings	**ICD-10:** C53-, C79.82, D06-, N87.0, N87.1, N87.9, R87.61- (exclude R87.615 and R87.616), R87.629, R87.810, R87.820
12	Contact dermatitis and other eczema	**ICD-10:** H01.13-, L20.89, L23- through L25-, L30- (exclude L30.1, L30.3, L30.4, L30.5)

Table 6A: Rows Removed (No Longer Reported)

2025

SELECTED SERVICES RENDERED

Line	Service Category	Applicable ICD-10-CM, CPT-4/PLA, or HCPCS Code
	Selected Diagnostic Tests/ Screening/Preventive Services	
21c	Novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) diagnostic test	**CPT-4:** 87426, 87428, 87635, 87636, 87637, 87811 **HCPCS:** U0001, U0002 **CPT PLA:** 0202U, 0223U, 0225U, 0240U, 0241U
21d	Novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) antibody test	**ICD-10:** Z01.84 **CPT-4:** 86318, 86328, 86408, 86409, 86413, 86769 **CPT PLA:** 0224U, 0226U
22	Mammogram	**ICD-10:** Z12.31 **CPT-4:** 77061, 77062, 77063, 77065, 77066, 77067 **HCPCS:** G0279
23	Pap test	**ICD-10:** R87.619, R87.629, Z01.41-, Z01.42, Z12.4 (exclude Z01.411 and Z01.419) **CPT-4:** 88141 through 88153, 88155, 88164 through 88167, 88174, 88175 **HCPCS:** G0123, G0143, G0144, G0145, G0147, G0148, P3000
30	Sealants	**CDT:** D1351
33	Oral surgery (extractions and other surgical procedures)	**CDT:** D7xxx
34	Rehabilitative services (Endo, Perio, Prostho, Ortho)	**CDT:** D3xxx, D4xxx, D5xxx, D6xxx, D8xxx

Table 6a: Added Rows

2025

9	Diabetes mellitus	**ICD-10:** E08- through E13-, O24- (exclude O24.4-) **OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1219.35

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New

9	Diabetes mellitus	**ICD-10:** E08- through E13-, O24- (exclude O24.4-) **OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1219.33
9a	Diabetes mellitus type 1	**ICD-10:** E10-

New

20g	Intellectual and developmental disabilities	**ICD-10:** F70- through F89-, G80 through G80.9

New

26g	Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) screening	**ICD-10:** Z13.41

Table 6a: Added a New Section

Selected Patient Support Services				
Line	**Service Category**	**Applicable ICD-10-CM, CPT-4/PLA, HCPCS Code, SNOMED, or OID**	**Number of Visits (A)**	**Number of Patients (B)**
35	Case management	**CPT-4:** 99366, 99487, 99424, 99426, 99484, 99490, 99491, 99492, 99493, 99437, 99439, 99495, 99496 **HCPCS:** G0019, G0022, G0323, G0556, G0557, G0558, G2214, T1016, T1017		
36	Eligibility assistance	**SNOMED:** 661901000124106, 662501000124105, 671291000124100, 661871000124106, 662401000124109, 662111000124100, 662731000124107, 662091000124109, 662551000124109, 662231000124100, 662671000124100, 472321000124103, 472301000124108, 661781000124104, 662431000124101, 581041000124102, 662211000124106, 662571000124104		
37	Transportation	**ICD-10:** Z59.82 **OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.106		
38	Language assistance services	**OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.267		

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SNOMED Codes

OID: SNOMED Codes

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Table 6a: Added a New Section

Selected Upstream Drivers of Health Services				
Line	**Service Category**	**Applicable ICD-10-CM, CPT-4/PLA, HCPCS Code, SNOMED, or OID**	**Number of Visits (A)**	**Number of Patients (B)**
39	Upstream drivers of health screening	**OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.126		
40	Food insecurity	**OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.15, 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.9, 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.6		
41	Housing instability	**OID**: 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.19, 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.43		
42	Financial insecurity	**OID:** 2.16.840.1.113762.1.4.1247.109		

Source: PRAPARE?

LOINC (but not lab)

CPT
HCPCS
SNOMED Codes

SNOMED Codes

Line 40

Code System	Code	Description
CPT	97802	Medical nutrition therapy; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
CPT	97803	Medical nutrition therapy; re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
CPT	97804	Medical nutrition therapy; group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes
HCPCS Level II	S5170	Home delivered meals, including preparation; per meal
HCPCS Level II	S9470	Nutritional counseling, dietitian visit

Table 6a: Renamed Section

2025

26	Health supervision of infant or child (ages 0 through 11)	**ICD-10:** Z00.1-, Z76.1. Z76.2 **CPT-4:** 99381 through 99383, 99391 through 99393



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26	Well child visit (ages 0 through 11)	**ICD-10:** Z00.1-, Z76.1. Z76.2 **CPT-4:** 99381 through 99383, 99391 through 99393

Review of 2026 UDS Table Changes: Tables 6B and 7

Clinical Quality Measures

Table 6b: Breast Cancer Screening Change to Age Range

Denominator

- Old definition: between 52 to 74 years of age
- New definition: between 42 to 74 years of age

Since we have already been focusing on patients in the 42 to 52 year age range through QIP, the impact to the numerator is not large

- A study earlier this year showed around a -1.9% numerator difference (range -5.0% to 3.8%)

Table 6b: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan

Numerator

- Old definition: Depression medication is one of the follow-up options. Therefore, if there was some action on a depression medication on the date of the "qualifying encounter" (or up to two days afterward), the patient falls under the numerator
- New definition: an active depression medication that **overlaps** the date of the qualifying encounter places the patient in the numerator

Table 6b: Replaced Dental Measure

UDS Year	Measure Name (UDS)	Measure Identifier	Relevant Quality Measure(s)
2025	Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years	CMS Measure 277v0	Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years (UDS 2025 Table 6B)
2026	Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars	DQA Measure SFM-CH-A	1. Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars: Rate 1 At Least One Sealant (UDS 2026 Table 6B) 2. Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars: Rate 2 All Four Molars Sealed (UDS 2026 Table 6B)

Table 6b: Replaced Dental Measure

2025

Section M—Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years

Line	Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years	Total Patients Aged 6 through 9 at Moderate to High Risk for Caries (a)	Number of Records Reviewed (b)	Number of Patients with Sealants to First Molars (c)
22	MEASURE: Percentage of children 6 through 9 years of age at moderate to high risk of caries who received a sealant on a first permanent molar			

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Section M—Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars

Line	Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars	Total Patients with 10th Birthday (A)	Number of Records Reviewed (B)	Number of Patients with Sealants to First Molars (C)
22a	MEASURE: Percentage of children who have ever **received at least one sealant on a permanent first molar tooth**			
22b	MEASURE: Percentage of children who have **received sealants on all four molar teeth**			

Sealant Measure Similarities

Many aspects of the measure remain the same:

- Assumption that children between 6 and 9 years should have sealants placed on molars to prevent caries
- Focus on the four permanent molar teeth (numbers 3, 14, 19, 30)
- Exclude patients without any teeth to seal because of fillings, root canals, extractions, or prosthetics (i.e., artificial teeth or anchors)
- The DPT procedure codes for sealants and exclusions are the same

Measure Denominator Differences

- 2025 denominator composed of children “with an oral assessment or comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation qualifying encounter who are at moderate to high risk for caries in the measurement period”
- 2026 definition does not require and assessment/oral evaluation and does not have any associated risk level. Therefore, it is expected that all children should get sealants.

Same Topic, Different Perspective

Dental Sealants for Children between 6–9 Years (2025 Measure)

- Looked at patients between 6 and 9 years of age at the beginning of the measurement period
- Did they receive a sealant during the measurement period?
- A single patient can be in the denominator multiple years

Same Topic, Different Perspective

Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars (2026 Measure)

- Patients who turned 10 years of age during the measurement period
- Did they receive at least one sealant?
- Did they receive sealants on all four molar teeth?
- A single patient is in the denominator only once (in a life-time)

Denominator and Exclusions

Denominator (same for both 2026 numerators)

- Children who turn 10 years of age in the measurement period
- At least one qualifying encounter during the measurement period

Exclusions

- Children who have received treatment (restorations, extractions and other dental treatments) on all four permanent first molars in the 48 months prior to the 10th birthdate
- These treatments make the teeth unsealable. So, if a patient does not have any sealable teeth, the patient is excluded from the denominator

Numerators

The numerators look at sealants placed in the 48 months prior to the patient's 10th birthday (in other words, from the 6th to the 10th birthdays)

- Numerator 1: Denominator patients with at least one sealant
- Numerator 2: Denominator patients with all four molars sealed

Relevant Sealant Quality Measures

- Early October: there are drafts of the measure in Relevant that will be finalized
- Names:
  - ✓ Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars: Rate 1 At Least One Sealant (UDS 2026 Table 6B) — Pending Final 2026 UDS Manual
  - ✓ Sealant Receipt on Permanent First Molars: Rate 2 All Four Molars Sealed (UDS 2026 Table 6B) — Pending Final 2026 UDS Manual
- Wait for the final measure to be released before enabling

Associated Data Elements (Pending Finalization)

Data Element Names

- Dental Sealant Exceptions
- Molar Sealant Placement Procedures
- Dental Assessments

Sealant Exceptions and Placement Procedures determined by lists of DPT codes provided by the measure. These are dependent on the tooth identification numbers.

Table 6b: Added New Measure

Section O—Screening for Future Falls Risk

Line	Falls: Screening for Future Fall Risk	Total Patients Aged 65 and Older (A)	Number of Records Reviewed (B)	Number of Patients Screened for Future Fall Risk (C)
24	MEASURE: Percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who were screened for future fall risk			

Fall Risk Screening Denominator and Exclusion

Denominator

- Patients aged 65 years and older at the start of the measurement period
- Had a qualifying visit during the measurement period

Exclusion

- Hospice care for any part of the measurement period

Fall Risk Screening Numerator

- Numerator: Denominator patients who were screened for future fall risk at least once within the measurement period

- This measure assumes that patients age 65 years and older are assessed for fall risk each year. Therefore, a Care Gap is useful to remind the care team.
- The standard Relevant Care Gap is named “Due for fall risk screening”

Relevant Fall Risk Quality Measure

- Name: Screening for Future Fall Risk (UDS 2026 Table 6B)
  - May not be “final” (at this time in October)

- New Data Element Name: Fall Risk Screens
  - Most likely mapped to a question in structured data
  - Create or check your internal Fall Risk Screen protocol or workflow. Identify the data entry field(s) and validate the Data Element
  - The Data Element shows the screen name and result (although the result is not evaluated by the measure)

First Steps in UDS Report Preparation

What you can start right now

Early Preparation

- Look at your UDS Module, tab-by-tab
- The data in October is not yet comparable to the full-year data directly, but you can at least look for mapping issues, errors, or other things that look obviously wrong
- Any of these kinds of issues should be fixed sooner rather than later so that you can concentrate on a reliable comparison at the end of the year

Look for Red Rows

Example (Table 3B, Gender Identity)

Line	Patients by Gender Identity About this section	Number (a)
20	Male	
21	Female	
22	Transgender Man/Transgender Male/Transmasculine	
23	Transgender Woman/Transgender Female/Transfeminine	
24	Other	
25	Chose not to disclose	
25a	Unknown	
Not a UDS category	Unassigned	66

Red row

About this section

"About this section" (or "How we map this section") appears on several tables. A pop-up window will explain the data and mapping

Click on the
to get information on the error

We couldn't determine a UDS gender category for patients with the gender "Unassigned". This issue must be resolved before submitting your UDS report.

Consider adjusting the name of this gender in the Genders data element so that it satisfies the matching criteria of one of the UDS gender categories listed in Lines 20-25a. Click "How we map this section" for details on the matching criteria.

Look for Unmapped Items

- Make a list of what you see. Relevant may still be working on some of them, but at least you have a list you can monitor or bring up in a meeting

26g	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) screenings	**Data element:** Autism Spectrum Disorder Screens UNMAPPED	0	0



Look for Measures Not Yet Enabled

- Again, make a list of these to watch or discuss
- New 2026 measures may not be ready yet at this time in October

Section O — Screening for Future Falls Risk

Line	Falls: Screening for Future Fall Risk	Total Patients Aged 65 and Older (A)	Number of Records Reviewed (B)	Number of Patients Screened for Future Fall Risk (C)	Percentage of Patients Screened for Future Fall Risk
24	MEASURE: Percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who were screened for future fall risk	This measure is not enabled.			



Look for Cells With a Zero

- Identify any cells that actually should not have a zero (especially if something was reported last year)
- Examples:

26	Well Child Visits (ages 0 through 11)	**Data element:** Well Child Interventions	0	0

Line	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Total Patients Aged 46 through 75 (a)	Number of Records Reviewed (b)	Number of Patients with Appropriate Screening for Colorectal Cancer (c)	Percentage of Patients with Appropriate Screening for Colorectal Cancer
19	MEASURE: Percentage of patients 46 through 75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer	0	0	0	0%

Compare Clinical Measure Percentages to What was Reported Last Year

- Sometimes during the year there are data entry workflow changes where a new EHR field is used and an old EHR field is abandoned
- Look for drastic changes that might indicate a mapping error or incomplete mapping
- Example:

2025

Percentage of Patients Tested
72%



2026

Percentage of Patients Tested
47%

QUESTIONS?

