

About the Medicaid and CHIP Core Set Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to supporting states' efforts to measure and improve the quality of health care for children and adults in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CMS established the **Technical Assistance and Analytic Support (TA/AS) Program** to support states in collecting, reporting, and using measures in the Child, Adult, and Health Home Core Sets. The TA/AS Team is led by Mathematica under a contract with CMS. This fact sheet describes the support available through CMS's TA/AS Program.

Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Topics

TA/AS for the Child, Adult, and Health Home Core Set measures is driven by states' needs and covers a wide range of topics, such as:

- Interpreting technical specifications for the Core Set measures, including applications across delivery systems, data sources, and data collection approaches.
- Assessing data quality to improve completeness and accuracy of state reporting of the Core Set measures.
- Preparing for mandatory reporting of the Child Core Sets, the behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Sets, and the Health Home Core Sets (for states with an approved Health Home program).¹
- Stratifying Core Set measures to identify disparities across Medicaid and CHIP subpopulations.
- Designing and implementing quality improvement initiatives focused on the Core Set measures.
- Incorporating Core Set measures into managed care quality initiatives, such as the State Quality Strategy, Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) programs, and External Quality Review (EQR) activities.

CMS welcomes suggestions for future TA/AS topics.

Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Vehicles

The **TA mailbox** is an important vehicle for requesting and receiving TA/AS related to collecting, reporting, and using the Core Set measures. Issues raised by states inform annual updates to the technical specifications and suggest topics for TA resources. CMS uses the TA mailbox to disseminate information about TA/AS resources and events. The TA/AS Program includes several other vehicles:

- **TA resources, fact sheets, analytic reports, and toolkits** share data on Medicaid and CHIP quality of care and address high-priority topics related to quality measurement and improvement.
- **One-on-one support** connects states with experts and resources to improve their collection, reporting, and use of Core Set measure data.
- **Virtual learning opportunities**, including webinars and learning collaboratives, provide a venue for shared learning among states about quality measurement and improvement.
- **CMS's quality conference** provides states with hands-on information and networking opportunities to support their Medicaid and CHIP quality measurement and improvement efforts.

CMS welcomes suggestions for TA/AS vehicles that would assist states in collecting, reporting, and using the Medicaid and CHIP Core Set measures to drive quality improvement.

For More Information

For more information about the Medicaid and CHIP Core Sets, or for resources produced by the TA/AS Program, visit <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/index.html>.

To submit a TA/AS request, suggest future TA/AS topics or resources, or join our mailing list, please contact MACQualityTA@cms.hhs.gov.

¹ Mandatory Medicaid and CHIP Core Set Reporting Final Rule: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-18669>.