

Homelessness Broad and Narrow Measure Definitions (HOME-N and HOME-B)

December 27, 2016
Medicaid Version 1.2

Description

The percentage of Medicaid enrollees who were homeless in at least one month in the measurement year. These specifications are derived from a measure developed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, in collaboration with Medicaid delivery system stakeholders, as part of the 5732/1519 performance measure development process.

Eligible Population

Ages	Separate reporting for age groups 0-17, 18 – 64 and 65+
Minimum Medicaid enrollment	A minimum of 7 months of Medicaid enrollment is required in the measurement year.
Anchor date	December 31 of the measurement year for calendar-year reporting
Identification window for Behavioral Health Service Needs	January 1 of the year prior to the measurement year through December 31 of the measurement year (24 months) for calendar-year reporting. For quarterly reporting a comparable 24-month period is used, anchored to the end of quarterly reporting period.
Benefit	Medicaid
Service contracting entity attribution	<p>For Behavioral Health Organization (BHO), Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) reporting, members must meet the additional attribution criteria defined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHO Mental Health populations must reside in the BHO catchment area for at least 7 months in the measurement year, and must meet the denominator mental health need criteria specified in the Mental Health Service Penetration metric. • BHO Substance Use Disorder (SUD) populations must reside in the BHO catchment area for at least 7 months in the measurement year, and must meet the denominator SUD criteria specified in the SUD Treatment Penetration metric. • AAA populations must reside in the AAA catchment area for at least 7 months in the measurement year, and must receive Home- or Community-Based long-term services and supports in at least 7

	<p>months in the measurement year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCO populations must be enrolled with the MCO in at least 7 months in the measurement year.
Claim status for service contracting entity attribution	Include only final paid claims or accepted encounters for BHO attribution.
Data source for identifying homelessness	The DSHS Economic Services Administration’s Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES); used by caseworkers to record information about client self-reported living arrangements and shelter expenses when determining eligibility for cash, food, and medical assistance.

Denominator

Include in the measure denominator all individuals in the eligible population for the service contracting entity. In particular, note that persons who are dually eligible for Medicare or with Third-Party Liability (coverage) are included in the measure population.

Numerator – Narrow

Include all denominator-eligible members with at least one month with a living arrangement status of “Homeless without Housing”, “Emergency Shelter” or “Battered Spouse Shelter” recorded in the ACES eligibility data system.

Numerator – Broad

Include all denominator-eligible members with at least one month with a living arrangement status of “Homeless with Housing”, “Homeless without Housing”, “Emergency Shelter” or “Battered Spouse Shelter” recorded in the ACES eligibility data system.