

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

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Description

The percentage of Medicaid enrollees who were homeless in at least one month in the measurement year.

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 when required for stratification	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	For Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Managed Care Organization (MCO) reporting, members must meet additional attribution criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAA populations must reside in the AAA catchment area for at least 7 months in the measurement year and the anchor month, and must receive Home- or Community-Based LTSS services in at least 7 months in the measurement year and the anchor month.• MCO populations must be enrolled with the MCO in at least 7 months in the measurement year and the anchor month.
Data sources for identifying homelessness	The DSHS Economic Services Administration’s Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES); used by caseworkers to record client address and self-reported living arrangements when determining eligibility for cash, food, and medical assistance. ProviderOne system for diagnosis code information

Denominator

Include in the measure denominator all individuals in the eligible population for the service contracting entity. Note that persons who are dually enrolled in Medicare or with third-party coverage are included in the measure population.

Numerator – Broad

Include all denominator-eligible members with at least one month in the measurement year meeting any of the following criteria:

- **ACES living arrangement criteria.** One of the following values appears in at least one coverage month in the measurement year: “Homeless without Housing”, “Emergency Shelter”, “Battered Spouse Shelter”, “Inappropriate Living Situation w/o Housing”, or “Homeless with Housing”
- **WorkFirst activity criterion (TANF program).** Beneficiary is actively engaged in WorkFirst program activities to resolve homelessness.
- **ACES shelter expense criteria.** Shelter expense field identifies beneficiary as “Homeless without Housing” or indicates a nominal rent value.
- **ProviderOne/ACES address criteria.** One or more of the following is indicated for at least part of the measurement year:
 - Homelessness is indicated based on the client’s address format code;
 - The term “homeless” or “couch surfing” appears at any point in a client’s address line text;
 - The term “General Delivery” appears in a field containing additional address information (e.g., “care of,” “attention,” etc.); or
 - The client’s mailing address was the address of their assigned CSO.
- **Diagnosis criterion.** ICD-10 diagnosis code Z59.0 appears on at least one encounter line associated with a service date in the measurement year.

Numerator – Narrow

Include all denominator-eligible members with at least one month in the measurement year meeting any of the following criteria:

- **ACES living arrangement criterion.** One of the following values appears in at least one coverage month in the measurement year: “Homeless without Housing”, “Emergency Shelter”, “Battered Spouse Shelter”, or “Inappropriate Living Situation w/o Housing”.
- **WorkFirst activity criterion (TANF program).** Beneficiary is actively engaged in WorkFirst program activities to resolve homelessness.
- **ACES shelter expense criterion.** Shelter expense field identifies beneficiary as “Homeless without Housing”.
- **ProviderOne/ACES address criteria.** One or more of the following is indicated for at least part of the measurement year:
 - Homelessness is indicated based on the client’s address format code or
 - The terms “homeless” appears at any point in a client’s address line text.
- **Diagnosis criterion.** ICD-10 Dx code Z59.0 appears on at least one encounter line associated with a service date in the measurement year