MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (MHAYC) EVALUATION PROJECT: MEASURE DEFINITIONS

Place of Service

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Overview

One of the goals of the Mental Health Assessment for Young Children (MHAYC) policy is to expand the practice of conducting assessments in home and community settings, which is considered a best practice for children under age six.

This measure identifies the setting in which services like assessments took place, utilizing Place of Service codes. Place of service codes are used on professional claims to specify where the service(s) were rendered and appear in ProviderOne claims in the facility type code field. The codes are based on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) standards ("Place of Service Codes for Professional Claims", 2024).

The measure categorizes these codes into four mutually exclusive and exhaustive groups 1) health care office settings, 2) home/community settings, 3) via telehealth, or 4) in an unknown setting.

The place of service groupings are available in the spreadsheet POS Codes MHAYC.

Unit of Measurement

Medical claim lines

Data Source

ProviderOne administrative claim and encounter data

Reporting Lag

Six months to account for data entry and maturity

Calculation

Percentage = Numerator / Denominator * 100

Eligible Population (Denominator)

Total medical claim lines included in the specific study or analytical context

Numerator(s)

Claim lines in which the facility type code is within each of the place of service groupings (see: <u>POS</u> <u>Codes MHAYC</u>):

- 1. A health care office setting,
- 2. A home/community setting,
- 3. A telehealth setting, or
- 4. An unknown setting.