



Upper Payment Limit -- New Measure



We are being asked to track patients who had a follow-up visit after presenting to the ER with AOD (alcohol and other drug abuse or dependence) as part of the Upper Payment Limit.

Follow-up after ED Visit for AOD

Percentage of emergency department (ED) visits for members ages 13+ with a principal diagnosis of AOD who had a follow-up visit with any practitioner for AOD within 30 days.

Exclusions: Hospice patients, Multiple ED visit in a 31-day period (only the first ED visit is included), ED visits followed by an IP stay.

Measure Threshold: $\geq 18\%$



A survey of individuals diagnosed with AOD concluded that more patients were willing to enter treatment in *primary care settings* (37.3%) than in specialty drug treatment centers (24.6%).

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