Overview of the Out of Home Placement Measure
Integrated Care for Kids Model

Out of Home Placement (OOHP) Rate

OOHP Definition

For the purposes of the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model, an OOHP episode refers to a temporary or permanent transfer of custody to, or receipt of inpatient or residential services at, a predetermined list of locations.

These include placements in **long-term care facilities** (including residential care centers, nursing facilities, and intermediate care facilities); **inpatient hospitalizations for behavioral health** (regardless of the type of hospital facility—psychiatric hospital, children's hospital, or other hospital); and custody episodes in **foster care**.

Placement does not require the loss of parental custody or a minimum amount of time spent in the placement locations. It includes voluntary and mandatory placements.

Rationale

OOHP represents a significant life disruption for children and youth.
The goals of the InCK Model are to:

1. Improve child health
2. Reduce avoidable inpatient stays and OOHPs
3. Create sustainable alternative payment models

The OOHP measure was developed to evaluate the second model goal.

Measure Description

This measure was developed to monitor and evaluate the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Innovation Center's InCK Model. It reports the rate of new OOHP episodes per 1,000 attributed beneficiaries in a set geographic area per year.

The measure has two versions:

1. The **health care version**, which includes OOHP episodes in long-term care and behavioral health admissions to inpatient or residential care

2. The **health care and foster care version**, which includes OOHP episodes in long-term care, behavioral health admissions, and foster care

Measure Calculation

Numerator description: Number of OOHP episodes that began during the measurement period

Denominator description: Number of eligible beneficiaries in the geographic area with at least one month of Medicaid enrollment during the measurement period

Health Care OOHP Measure

$$\frac{\text{Number of health-related OOHP episodes}}{\text{Eligible beneficiaries in the geographic area with at least one month of Medicaid enrollment}} * 1,000$$

Health Care and Foster Care OOHP Measure

$$\frac{([\text{Number of health-related OOHP episodes}] + [\text{Number of foster care OOHP episodes}])}{\text{Eligible beneficiaries in the geographic area with at least one month of Medicaid enrollment}} * 1,000$$

All placements of the same type (health or foster care) within an episode are counted as one OOHP episode. If a child experiences both types (health and foster care) within the same episode, it is counted as two OOHP episodes.

Data Sources: The Measure Requires Administrative Data from Multiple Sources

Numerator data sources

- Medicaid claims and encounter data (to identify health care OOHPs)
- Administrative data on foster care placement episodes

Denominator data source

- Administrative data on the eligible population in geographic area (for example, from Medicaid enrollment files)

For the purposes of the InCK Model, the denominator is all individuals birth to age 21 enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program for at least one month during the measurement year and living in the InCK Attributed Regions.

Measure expansion beyond InCK

The technical specifications can be adapted to state-specific data sources to implement the measure outside of the InCK Model.

Have Questions?

Please refer to the InCK **website** for more information and resources, including the technical specifications.

You can also send questions to **InCKModelQuestions@cms.hhs.gov**