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Introduction

Managed care plans provide a wide range of health services to millions of New Yorkers. Choosing a managed care plan that meets your needs and the needs of your family is an important decision. There are many things to consider before choosing a managed care plan. Does your current doctor participate in the plan? Does the plan enroll members in the county in which you live? Does the plan offer special services that will enhance the health of your family? This report is designed to help you make an informed decision by providing you with clear, easy-to-read information on managed care plan performance with respect to primary and preventive health visits, health care for acute illness, behavioral health, and medical management of select chronic diseases. This report provides information on the managed care plans currently enrolling members in New York State, including the regions of the state they serve, the types of managed care products they provide, how to contact their member services departments, and other information about enrollment and national accreditation status.

Quality Measurement in New York State

As a way of monitoring managed care plan performance and improving the quality of care provided to New York State (NYS) residents, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) implemented a public reporting system in 1994 called the Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements (QARR). QARR is largely based on measures of quality established by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®). QARR also includes information collected using a national satisfaction survey methodology called CAHPS® (Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems). CAHPS® data is collected every year for commercial enrollees. The NYSDOH sponsors a CAHPS® survey for both adults and children enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care and Child Health Plus every two years. The most recent survey for adults was done in late 2015, and the most recent survey for children was done in late 2014.

Data Sources

This report contains information about managed care plans including results from standardized quality of care measures, consumer satisfaction surveys, and information about providers in the plans' networks. Health plans have their information validated by a licensed auditor organization prior to sending it to the NYSDOH. Only valid information is published in this report. The data presented in this report are largely from care provided to members during the 2015 calendar year.

Who Reports?

Managed care plans that were in operation during the entire 2015 calendar year were required to report data. This report contains information on 24 health insurance organizations, all of which report data on one or more product lines, depending on their business lines in New York State. Child Health Plus data has been represented with Medicaid Managed Care data since 2014. Please note that not all health plans serve commercial, Medicaid and/or Child Health Plus enrollees in every region of the state. To determine which managed care plans participate in your area please see our Managed Care Regional Consumer Guides.

Performance Measure Reporting

Consistent with NCQA guidelines of retiring the HEDIS measure rotation policy for 2015 measurement year, the NYSDOH requires health plans to collect all measures specified in the QARR technical specifications.

New measures for the 2015 measurement year are considered first year measures, and consistent with NCQA policy, individual plan rates are not published.

Measure Trending

Sometimes a measure's specifications change. These changes affect the results or alter the target population in such a manner that previous results for the measure are not comparable to current results. In such cases, NYSDOH recommends trending with caution, or do not allow trending.

Measures that had revisions that may affect trending are as follows:

- Comprehensive Diabetes Care
- Flu Shot for Adults in Medicaid
- Shared Decision Making (CAHPS®)

Using This Report

This report represents results of health plan performance organized to allow comparison between health plans of the same type of insurance for each specific measure. Measures are organized into general domains to make it easier to focus on results in a related area. To use this report, first select the area of interest or domain, and then look for the type of insurance. The measures are arranged in columns with the title of the measure at the top, and a list of plan rates underneath. The health plans' names are along the left side of the page and the plan's rate for that measure is on the line with the plan name, under the column for that measure. Symbols are provided to indicate whether the plan performed statistically better (▲) or worse (▼) than the statewide average (significance ratings).

When comparing plan rates and associated significance ratings, you may notice plans that have the same numerical rating but a different significance rating. While this may seem like an error, plan significance ratings are based on how much a plan's rate differs from the statewide average and the number of individuals included in the rate. Therefore, plans can have the same rate but have different significance ratings because their rates are based on different numbers of enrollees eligible for that measure. Variations and/or extremes in utilization are difficult to interpret for plans with low enrollment. For this reason, plans with fewer than 30 eligible members per measure are excluded from the statistical calculations of the percentiles, but are still included in the calculation of the statewide averages. All rates based on denominators of less than 30 are reported in the tables with a dashed line (--).

Shown at the bottom of each table is the NYS average used to determine whether the difference in the plan rate to this overall rate is statistically better or worse. Whenever available, a national average is shown underneath the NYS average. This information allows you to see how a plan is doing compared to the NYS average as well as how NYS rates compare to the nation.

What is in this report?

Information about the health plans is divided into the following seven areas:

- Information on Health Plans Serving NYS Residents
- Adult Health
- Behavioral Health for Adults and Children
- Child and Adolescent health
- Provider Network
- Satisfaction with Care for Adults and Children
- Women's Health

Types of Insurance

Information on five types of managed care insurance is included in this report: Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and Medicaid HIV SNPs.

Commercial HMO	Individual or employer sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; the member selects a primary care provider to coordinate care; and referrals to some services or specialists may be required.
Commercial PPO	Individual or employer sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; there is no primary care provider assignment; and referrals to some services or specialists are not usually required.
Medicaid	Government sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; the member selects a primary care provider to coordinate care; and referrals to some services or specialists may be required.
Child Health Plus	Government sponsored health insurance, although individuals may pay part of premium depending on their income. This is a form of health insurance where a health plan contracts with a network of providers to provide care; the member selects a primary care provider to coordinate care; and referrals to some services or specialists may be required. This is NYS's version of the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for people up to age 19. Child Health Plus data has been represented with Medicaid Managed Care data since 2014.
HIV SNP	Government sponsored health insurance. This is a form of health insurance specific for Medicaid persons living with HIV/AIDS. The SNP contracts with a network of providers to coordinate medical care; access to other services important for the care of HIV/AIDS, such as substance abuse counseling, and social service support, may also be part of the SNP.

Other Department of Health Reports and Websites

Managed Care performance data is available in several formats, and related data, including utilization data and information about demographic variation, are also available. All reports described below can be found on the Department's website at http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/reports/.

Statewide Executive Summary of Managed Care in New York State

The Statewide Executive Summary of Managed Care contains a higher-level summary of selected results that can be found in this report from a statewide perspective. It will allow readers to gauge NYS performance against national benchmarks and identify improvement opportunities.

eQARR (Health Plan Comparison Report Web Version)

The information contained in this report is available on the Department's website as an interactive report card for health care consumers for five types of managed care insurance: Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV Special Needs Plan (HIV SNP) and Child Health Plus.

Regional Consumer Guides

The consumer guides contain information on quality and satisfaction ratings in a condensed fashion that is meant to be very user-friendly for people evaluating the quality of health plans. Guides for 2016 are available for six regions of the state: New York City, Long Island, Hudson Valley, Northeast, Central, and Western New York. Guides for Medicaid and Child Health Plus, Commercial HMO, and Commercial PPO enrollees can be obtained free of charge at the Department's website. (https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/consumer_guides/)

Health Plan Service Use in New York State

The Health Plan Service Use in NYS report contains additional information on access and utilization of certain services. This report contains data on Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid and Child Health Plus members' access to care for children and adults, use of hospitals and ERs, rates of various surgical procedures, and rates of antibiotic utilization.

Health Care Disparities in New York State

The Health Care Disparities report provides information about variation in quality of care received in NYS by select demographic characteristics such as gender, age, race/ethnicity, aid category, and region. The report contains both Medicaid and Child Health Plus managed care data.

Feedback

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Information on Health Plans Serving NYS Residents

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This section provides an overview of each managed care plan operating in New York State during 2015. Health plans that also enroll commercial members in their Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) products are listed in an additional profile table in this section. The profiles include the following information:

Profile Element	Description
Type of Insurance Product	A plan may enroll members under difference products such as Commercial HMO (HMO), Commercial PPO (PPO), Medicaid managed care (MA), HIV Special Needs Plan (SNP), or Child Health Plus (CHP). The product a plan offers is indicated by the following symbol: ✓. Commercial PPO (PPO) is in a separate table.
Plan Service Areas	The 62 counties of New York State are divided into six regional plan service areas. Managed care organizations are certified to operate in specific counties in New York State. Please contact the health plans in your area to find out if they are currently enrolling in your county of residence.
Long Island (LI)	Nassau, Suffolk
New York City (NYC)	Bronx, Kings (Brooklyn), New York (Manhattan), Queens, Richmond (Staten Island)
Hudson Valley (HV)	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester
Northeast (NE)	Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington
Central (CEN)	Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins
Western (WST)	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
Member Services Information	A toll-free member services number and the health plan's main website URL.
NCQA Accreditation	The National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) comprehensive accreditation process is conducted by a team of physicians and managed care experts. The accreditation level granted by NCQA is contained in this column. For more information about the accreditation process, levels of certification, and most recent ratings, please visit the NCQA website at www.ncqa.org .
2015 Enrollment	The total number of enrollees in the health plans as of December 31, 2015. While this report presents quality of care data for commercial, Medicaid, and Child Health Plus enrollees, plans may also have membership in other products such as Medicare. The enrollment figures presented here include membership in all products that are included in QARR measures. Plans with commercial membership may include Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), and Point of Service (POS) members in their commercial enrollment.
Percent Change from 2014	The percent change in total enrollment between December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2015.

Statewide Plan Profiles

Health Plan	Type of Insurance			Plan Service Area *						Member Services
	HMO	MA	SNP	LI	NYC	HV	NE	CEN	WST	
Affinity Health Plan		✓		✓	✓	✓				1-866-247-5678
Amida Care			✓		✓					1-800-556-0689
CDPHP	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		1-800-777-2273
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			1-800-453-0113
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus		✓		✓	✓	✓				1-800-809-8009
Excellus Blue Cross BlueShield **	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	1-800-722-7884
Fidelis Care New York		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-888-343-3547
HIP (EmblemHealth)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1-800-447-8255
HealthNow New York Inc. **	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	1-866-231-0847
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.		✓		✓	✓					1-866-463-6743
Hudson Health Plan		✓				✓				1-800-339-4557
Independent Health	✓	✓							✓	1-800-501-3439
MVP Health Care	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	1-888-687-6277
MetroPlus Health Plan		✓	✓		✓					1-800-303-9626
Oxford Health Plans of New York	✓			✓	✓	✓				1-800-444-6222
Total Care, A Today's Options of New York Health Plan		✓						✓		1-800-223-7242
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-800-493-4647
Univera Healthcare **	✓								✓	1-800-427-8490
VNSNY Choice Health Plans			✓		✓					1-866-469-7774
WellCare of New York		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	1-800-288-5441
YourCare Health Plan		✓							✓	1-800-683-3781

Notes

* Plans may not participate in all counties in regions indicated.

** Enrollment data reported as combined HMO and PPO membership.

Not every plan may be accepting new enrollment. Please call the plan Member Services toll free number to confirm availability.

Statewide Plan Profiles

Health Plan	Website	NCQA Accreditation*	Enrollment	
			2015	Change from 2014
Affinity Health Plan	www.affinityplan.org		267,234	-3%
Amida Care	www.amidacareny.org		5,972	-1%
CDPHP	www.cdphp.com	Excellent	216,312	-1%
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	www.empireblue.com	Accredited	67,153	82%
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	www.empireblue.com	Commendable	432,029	-6%
Excellus Blue Cross BlueShield **	www.excellusbcbs.com	Commendable	1,091,964	18%
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	www.fideliscare.org	Interim	1,223,753	12%
HIP (EmblemHealth)	www.emblemhealth.com	Accredited	529,487	-9%
HealthNow New York Inc. **	www.healthnowny.com	Commendable	277,788	-7%
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	www.healthfirstny.org		995,752	11%
Hudson Health Plan	www.hudsonhealthplan.org		167,080	6%
Independent Health	www.independenthealth.com	Commendable/Expired±	202,271	3%
MVP Health Care	www.mvphealthcare.com	Commendable	115,183	-1%
MetroPlus Health Plan	www.metroplus.org		434,879	2%
Oxford Health Plans of New York	www.oxfordhealth.com	Accredited	570,194	-13%
Total Care, A Today's Options of New York Health Plan	www.totalcareny.com		39,134	1%
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	www.uhccommunityplan.com	Commendable	514,476	9%
Univera Healthcare **	www.univerahealthcare.com	Commendable	35,609	0%
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	www.vnsnychoice.org		3,932	-12%
WellCare of New York	www.wellcare.com	Commendable	111,614	6%
YourCare Health Plan	www.univeracommunityhealth.org		51,660	1%

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* Data Source: NCQA Accreditation Status as of November 2016.

** Enrollment data reported as combined HMO and PPO membership.

± Plan accreditation ratings were different for Commercial HMO and Medicaid Managed Care products. Listed as Commercial rating/Medicaid rating.

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Statewide PPO Plan Profiles

Health Plan	Plan Service Area *						Member Services
	LI	NYC	HV	NE	CEN	WST	
Aetna Life Insurance Company – NY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-800-872-3862
CDPHP Universal Benefits Inc.			✓	✓	✓		1-877-269-2134
CGLIC/CHLIC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-800-244-6224
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	✓	✓	✓	✓			1-800-342-9816
GHI (EmblemHealth)	✓	✓	✓				1-800-624-2414
MVP Preferred PPO			✓	✓	✓	✓	1-888-687-6277
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-800-444-6222
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York Inc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1-866-633-2446

Notes

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All plans listed in this table are Commercial PPOs.

Not every plan may be accepting new enrollment. Please call the plan Member Services toll free number to confirm availability.

Statewide PPO Plan Profiles

Health Plan	Website	NCQA Accreditation*	Enrollment	
			2015	Change from 2014
Aetna Life Insurance Company - NY	www.aetna.com	Accredited	809,886	3%
CDPHP Universal Benefits Inc.	www.cdphp.com	Excellent	180,487	-2%
CGLIC/CHLIC	www.cigna.com	Commendable	477,243	-1%
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	www.empireblue.com		805,114	-18%
GHI (EmblemHealth)	www.emblemhealth.com		87,847	-2%
MVP Preferred PPO	www.mvphealthcare.com		73,234	-1%
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	www.oxfordhealth.com	Accredited	265,336	-12%
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York Inc.	www.myuhc.com	Accredited	1,779,378	0%

Notes

* Data Source: NCQA Accreditation Status as of November 2016.

All plans listed in this table are Commercial PPOs.

Not every plan may be accepting new enrollment. Please call the plan Member Services toll free number to confirm availability.

This section provides information on how well managed care plans provide care to their adult members, including managing chronic illnesses, providing access to preventive health screenings and treatments, and encouraging appropriate use of healthcare resources and treatments.

Two measures encouraging appropriate use of medical resources, imaging studies for lower back pain and antibiotic use, are presented. Overuse of imaging studies, including X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans can be harmful to the recipient as well as being costly. The overuse of antibiotics contributes to the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria in the community.

Encouraging healthy choices is an important role for providers, and the medical assistance with smoking cessation measures are a measure of how often these interactions occur. The CAHPS® survey of members’ experiences with health care provides the information for both the smoking cessation measures and an estimate of the number of members who receive influenza vaccinations. In addition to receiving annual flu vaccinations, a number of other preventive services are available to managed care members. Data collected from health plans indicates the percent of members who receive screening for colon cancer and the percentage that are screened for obesity by having their body mass index (BMI) calculated. The number of young adults enrolled in Medicaid who received routine dental care is presented as well.

Chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disease, respiratory conditions (such as asthma and COPD), and diabetes are a major focus of healthcare resources and affect a growing number of members enrolled in New York’s managed care plans. Several measures of quality of care for each of these conditions are shown for both the commercial and Medicaid populations. In addition, members using medications to treat these and other conditions on a long-term basis are at increased risk of harm from side effects and drug toxicity. Several measures indicating how often members using such medications received appropriate testing to monitor these issues are presented.

Finally, for members enrolled in Medicaid managed care and living with HIV/AIDS, several indicators of quality care are presented. These measures were developed by New York State and include how often members utilize services as well as whether specific screening tests have occurred.

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Managing Preventive Care	
Colon Cancer Screening	The percentage of adults, ages 50 to 75 years, who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Adult BMI Assessment	The percentage of members, ages 18 to 74 years, with an outpatient visit, who had their body mass index (BMI) documented during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Annual Dental Visit (Ages 19-20)	The percentage of young adults, ages 19 to 20 years, who had at least one dental visit within the last year. (Medicaid)
Flu Shot for Adults	The percentage of members, ages 18 to 64 years, who have had a flu shot. This measure is collected as part of the CAHPS survey and is calculated as a two year rolling average for commercial results. Medicaid results are based on a single year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Managing Preventive Care (Continued)	
Aspirin Use	The percentage of eligible members who are currently taking aspirin. Eligible members include: men, ages 46 to 65 years, with at least one cardiovascular risk factor; men, ages 66 to 79 years, regardless of risk factors; and women, ages 56 to 79 years, with at least two cardiovascular risk factors. This measure is collected as part of the CAHPS survey and is calculated as a two year rolling average for commercial results. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO)
Managing Acute Illness	
Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	The percentage of members with a primary diagnosis of low back pain who did not have an imaging study (X-ray, MRI, CT scan). (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Avoidance of Antibiotics Therapy in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	The percentage of adults, ages 18 to 64 years, with acute bronchitis who did NOT receive a prescription for antibiotics. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Smoking Cessation	<p>The percentage of members, ages 18 years and older, who are current smokers or tobacco users and who received medical information about smoking or tobacco use cessation within the last 12 months from a health care provider. This measure is collected as part of the CAHPS survey and is calculated as a two year rolling average. Medicaid results are based on a single year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advising Smokers to Quit: The percentage of eligible adults who received cessation advice. 2. Discussing Cessation Medications: The percentage of eligible adults who discussed or were recommended cessation medications. 3. Discussing Cessation Strategies: The percentage of eligible adults who discussed or were provided cessation methods or strategies.
Managing Cardiovascular Conditions	
Controlling High Blood Pressure	<p>The percentage of members, ages 18 years or older, who had hypertension and whose blood pressure was adequately controlled during the measurement year based on the following criteria: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members, ages 18 to 59 years, whose blood pressure was <140/90 mm Hg. 2. Members, ages 60 to 85 years, with a diagnosis of diabetes whose blood pressure <140/90 mm Hg. 3. Members, ages 60 to 85 years, without a diagnosis of diabetes whose blood pressure was <150/90 mm Hg.
Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment	The percentage of members, ages 18 years and older, who were hospitalized after a heart attack and received persistent beta-blocker treatment for six months after discharge. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Managing Respiratory Conditions	
Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 19-64)	The percentage of members, ages 19 to 64 years, who were identified as having persistent asthma and had a ratio of controller medications to total asthma medications of 0.50 or greater during the measurement year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)	The percentage of members, ages 19 to 64 years, with persistent asthma who filled prescriptions for asthma controller medications during at least 50% of their treatment period. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)	The percentage of members, ages 19 to 64 years, with persistent asthma who filled prescriptions for asthma controller medications during at least 75% of their treatment period. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD	The percentage of members, ages 40 years and older, with a new diagnosis of COPD or newly active COPD, who received spirometry testing to confirm the diagnosis. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation	<p>The percentage of COPD exacerbation events for members, ages 40 years and older, who have had an acute inpatient discharge or ED visit and who were dispensed appropriate medications to manage the exacerbation. This measure is presented as two separate rates. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corticosteroid Rate: The percentage of events when the member was prescribed a systemic corticosteroid within 14 days of the event. 2. Bronchodilator Rate: The percentage of events when the member was prescribed a bronchodilator within 30 days of the event.
Comprehensive Diabetes Care	
Comprehensive Diabetes Care	These measures report components of care for members, ages 18 to 75 years, with diabetes and the rates at which they received necessary components of diabetes care. Measures presented here are grouped into those that monitor diabetes and those that measure outcomes for diabetes. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Monitoring Diabetes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HbA1c Testing: The percentage of members with diabetes who received at least one Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) test within the past year. 2. Lipid Profile: The percentage of members with diabetes who had at least one cholesterol screening test during the past year. 4. Medical Attention for Nephropathy: The percentage of members with diabetes who had at least one nephropathy screening test or had evidence of nephropathy during the last year. 5. Received All Three Tests: The percentage of members with diabetes who received at least one of each of the following tests: HbA1c test, diabetes eye exam, and medical attention for nephropathy.

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Comprehensive Diabetes Care (Continued)	
Managing Diabetes Outcomes	<p>1. Poor HbA1c Control: The percentage of members with diabetes whose most recent HbA1c level indicated poor control (>9.0 percent). A low rate is desirable for this measure.</p> <p>2. HbA1c Control: The percentage of members with diabetes whose most recent HbA1c level was <8.0 percent.</p> <p>3. HbA1c Control for Selected Populations: The percentage of members with diabetes whose most recent HbA1c level was <7.0 percent. Additional exclusion criteria are required for this indicator that will result in a different eligible population from all other indicators.</p> <p>4. Blood Pressure Controlled: The percentage of members with diabetes whose most recent blood pressure reading was <140/90 mm Hg.</p>
Managing Medications	
Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis	The percentage of members with rheumatoid arthritis who were dispensed at least one ambulatory prescription for a disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid)
Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications	<p>The percentage of members, ages 18 years and older, who were taking certain medications for at least six months and who received specific monitoring tests. The following rates specify categories of medications that are of interest: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <p>ACE Inhibitors/ARBs: The percentage of members who received at least a 180-day supply of ACE inhibitors or ARBs during the measurement year and who had at least one serum potassium and a serum creatinine therapeutic monitoring test in the measurement year.</p> <p>Digoxin: The percentage of members who received at least a 180-day supply of digoxin during the measurement year and who had at least one serum potassium, at least one serum creatinine, and at least one serum digoxin therapeutic monitoring test in the measurement year.</p> <p>Diuretics: The percentage of members who received at least a 180-day supply of a diuretic during the measurement year and who had at least one serum potassium and a serum creatinine therapeutic monitoring test in the measurement year.</p> <p>The combined rate is the sum of the three numerators divided by the sum of the three denominators.</p>

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
HIV Comprehensive Care	
HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care	<p>These measures are quality indicators of recommended treatment and preventive care for people living with HIV/AIDS. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaged in Care: The percentage of members with HIV/AIDS, ages 2 years and older, who had two visits for primary care or HIV related care with at least one visit during each half of the past year. 2. Viral Load Monitoring: The percentage of members with HIV/AIDS, ages 2 years and older, who had two viral load tests performed with at least one test during each half of the past year. 3. Syphilis Screening: The percentage of members with HIV/AIDS, ages 19 years and older, who were screened for syphilis in the past year.

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Preventive Care

Plan	Colon Cancer Screening	Adult BMI Assessment	Flu Shot for Adults	Aspirin Use
CDPHP	74 ▲	90 ▲	50	41
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	54 ▼	76	44	38
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	63	84 ▲	52	33
HIP (EmblemHealth)	65	84 ▲	35 ▼	36
HealthNow New York Inc.	72 ▲	86 ▲	50	42
Independent Health	61	89 ▲	55 ▲	43
MVP Health Care	70 ▲	86 ▲	50	46
Oxford Health Plans of New York	56 ▼	48 ▼	41	55
Univera Healthcare	63	86 ▲	53	39
Statewide Average	63	77	48	42
National Average	63	75	48	41

Legend

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Acute Illness

Plan	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	Avoidance of Antibiotics Therapy in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	Advising Smokers to Quit	Discussing Smoking Cessation Medications	Discussing Smoking Cessation Strategies
CDPHP	75 ▼	33 ▲	83	59	56
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	74	24	74	50	45
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	79	18 ▼	74	50	50
HIP (EmblemHealth)	81 ▲	24	86	47	39
HealthNow New York Inc.	81 ▲	20 ▼	78	51	42
Independent Health	82 ▲	18 ▼	85	60	48
MVP Health Care	67 ▼	19 ▼	85	59	52
Oxford Health Plans of New York	73 ▼	34 ▲	71	37	26 ▼
Univera Healthcare	78	18 ▼	79	53	50
Statewide Average	78	23	80	53	47
National Average	75	28	76	50	46

Legend

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Cardiovascular Conditions

Plan	Controlling High Blood Pressure	Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment
CDPHP	73 ▲	98
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	49 ▼	--
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	69 ▲	89
HIP (EmblemHealth)	45 ▼	89
HealthNow New York Inc.	76 ▲	91
Independent Health	73 ▲	95
MVP Health Care	70 ▲	89
Oxford Health Plans of New York	40 ▼	78 ▼
Univera Healthcare	74 ▲	--
Statewide Average	61	88
National Average	61	85

Legend

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- Sample size too small to report.

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Respiratory Conditions - Asthma

Plan	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)
CDPHP	82 ▲	70	44
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	75	74	50
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	79 ▲	70	46
HIP (EmblemHealth)	75	68	45
HealthNow New York Inc.	74	67	42
Independent Health	80	65 ▼	38 ▼
MVP Health Care	79	73	49
Oxford Health Plans of New York	71 ▼	70	45
Univera Healthcare	78	67	43
Statewide Average	77	70	45
National Average	*	*	*

Legend

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* No national average available.

Notes

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Respiratory Conditions - COPD

Plan	Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD	Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation	
		Corticosteroid	Bronchodilator
CDPHP	46	75	74
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	62 ▲	--	--
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	41 ▼	81 ▲	82
HIP (EmblemHealth)	52	77	79
HealthNow New York Inc.	52	78	79
Independent Health	53	78	80
MVP Health Care	40 ▼	75	82
Oxford Health Plans of New York	64 ▲	66 ▼	72
Univera Healthcare	54	--	--
Statewide Average	50	77	79
National Average	43	76	80

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Monitoring Diabetes

Plan	HbA1c Testing	Dilated Eye Exam	Nephropathy Monitoring	Received All Tests
CDPHP	94 ▲	63	92	58 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	87 ▼	51 ▼	89	45 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	92	62	90	54
HIP (EmblemHealth)	90	61	92	57
HealthNow New York Inc.	90	63	92	57
Independent Health	90	59	94 ▲	55
MVP Health Care	92	62	92	56
Oxford Health Plans of New York	91	49 ▼	90	44 ▼
Univera Healthcare	90	60	91	52
Statewide Average	91	59	91	53
National Average	90	54	90	*

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Diabetes Outcomes

Plan	Poor HbA1c Control†	HbA1C Control (<8.0%)	HbA1C Control (<7.0%) for Selected Populations±	Blood pressure controlled (<140/90 mm Hg)
CDPHP	20 ▲	67 ▲	48 ▲	75 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	32	56	--	55 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	28	62	42	69 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	32	57	35 ▼	52 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	21 ▲	67 ▲	40	74 ▲
Independent Health	21 ▲	68 ▲	46	72 ▲
MVP Health Care	24 ▲	64	44	72 ▲
Oxford Health Plans of New York	44 ▼	49 ▼	NV	46 ▼
Univera Healthcare	23 ▲	66 ▲	44	74 ▲
Statewide Average	30	60	41	62
National Average	34	55	37	60

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† For Poor HbA1c Control, a low rate is desirable.

± Additional exclusion criteria are required for this indicator that will result in a different eligible population from all other indicators.

-- Sample size too small to report.

NV Plan submitted invalid data.

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Managing Medications

Plan	Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications			
		ACE Inhibitors/ARBs	Digoxin	Diuretics	Combined Rate
CDPHP	90	87 ▲	40	87 ▲	87 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	81	84	42	82	83
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	89 ▲	84	41	83	83 ▼
HIP (EmblemHealth)	83	86 ▲	51	85 ▲	86 ▲
HealthNow New York Inc.	84	82 ▼	46	81 ▼	81 ▼
Independent Health	85	84	36	83	83
MVP Health Care	88	82 ▼	29 ▼	83	82 ▼
Oxford Health Plans of New York	83 ▼	85 ▲	37	84	85 ▲
Univera Healthcare	88	83	--	82	82
Statewide Average	86	84	40	83	84
National Average	88	84	44	83	83

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Preventive Care

Plan	Colon Cancer Screening	Adult BMI Assessment	Flu Shot for Adults	Aspirin Use
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	62	57	45	37
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	69 ▲	91 ▲	55 ▲	42
CGLIC/CHLIC	56 ▼	65	43	34
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	60	75 ▲	38	24 ▼
GHI (EmblemHealth)	60	61	41	30
MVP Preferred PPO	52 ▼	NV	39	29
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	66	45 ▼	41	33
United Healthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	63	57 ▼	48	47 ▲
Statewide Average	62	62	44	36
National Average	57	57	47	41

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Acute Illness

Plan	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	Avoidance of Antibiotics Therapy in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	Advising Smokers to Quit	Discussing Smoking Cessation Medications	Discussing Smoking Cessation Strategies
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	75	27	--	--	--
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	76	28	74	58	48
CGLIC/CHLIC	77	28	88 ▲	64	56
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	75	23 ▼	71	42	44
GHI (EmblemHealth)	76	42 ▲	80	61	56
MVP Preferred PPO	77	21 ▼	82	58	52
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	72 ▼	35 ▲	--	--	--
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	77 ▲	27	70	46	38
Statewide Average	76	28	76	52	47
National Average	75	26	72	45	39

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Cardiovascular Conditions

Plan	Controlling High Blood Pressure	Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	50	86
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	72 ▲	86
CGLIC/CHLIC	50	79
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	52	84
GHI (EmblemHealth)	42 ▼	78
MVP Preferred PPO	NV	84
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	35 ▼	79
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	51	84
Statewide Average	51	83
National Average	53	82

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Respiratory Conditions - Asthma

Plan	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	76	75 ▲	53 ▲
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	79	68 ▼	42 ▼
CGLIC/CHLIC	79	70	47
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	80 ▲	73	49
GHI (EmblemHealth)	74	74	53
MVP Preferred PPO	74	75	49
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	78	72	47
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	74	68 ▼	44 ▼
Statewide Average	77	72	48
National Average	*	*	*

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Respiratory Conditions - COPD

Plan	Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD	Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation	
		Corticosteroid	Bronchodilator
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	60	75	82
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	39 ▼	75	80
CGLIC/CHLIC	61	73	70
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	61 ▲	82	85
GHI (EmblemHealth)	56	66	74
MVP Preferred PPO	41 ▼	79	75
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	64 ▲	66	76
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	58	76	81
Statewide Average	58	74	79
National Average	41	73	78

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Monitoring Diabetes

Plan	HbA1c Testing	Dilated Eye Exam	Nephropathy Monitoring	Received All Tests
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	88	55	86	45
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	93 ▲	64 ▲	92 ▲	58 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	90 ▲	53 ▼	89	47
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	91 ▲	51 ▼	89 ▲	47
GHI (EmblemHealth)	89 ▲	46 ▼	88	41 ▼
MVP Preferred PPO	90 ▲	38 ▼	88 ▲	33 ▼
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	89 ▲	60	88	52
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	81 ▼	62 ▲	83	47
Statewide Average	86	58	86	47
National Average	89	47	87	*

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Diabetes Outcomes

Plan	Poor HbA1c Control†	HbA1C Control (<8.0%)	HbA1C Control (<7.0%) for Selected Populations±	Blood pressure controlled (<140/90 mm Hg)
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	43 ▼	50	30	47 ▼
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	22 ▲	64 ▲	43 ▲	71 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	32 ▲	59 ▲	NV	55
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	31 ▲	57	--	61 ▲
GHI (EmblemHealth)	51 ▼	41 ▼	27 ▼	39 ▼
MVP Preferred PPO	NV	NV	NV	NV
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	46 ▼	47 ▼	NV	43 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	40	52	NV	50
Statewide Average	38	53	32	53
National Average	44	47	33	50

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Managing Medications

Plan	Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications			
		ACE Inhibitors/ARBs	Digoxin	Diuretics	Combined Rate
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	82	84	43	83	83 ▼
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	90 ▲	85 ▲	39	85 ▲	85 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	86	85	29	84	84
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	86	86 ▲	37	85 ▲	85 ▲
GHI (EmblemHealth)	68 ▼	88 ▲	56 ▲	86 ▲	87 ▲
MVP Preferred PPO	85	84	41	83	83
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	80	84	35	82 ▼	83 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	84	82 ▼	39	81 ▼	82 ▼
Statewide Average	83	84	39	84	84
National Average	88	81	38	81	81

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Preventive Care

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	Colon Cancer Screening	Adult BMI Assessment	Annual Dental Visit (Ages 19-20)	Flu Shot for Adults
Affinity Health Plan	63	NV	37 ▼	45
CDPHP	56 ▼	88	41 ▼	35 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	57	83 ▼	43	47 ▲
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	49 ▼	93	46 ▲	41
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	61	92	49 ▲	35 ▼
HIP (EmblemHealth)	52 ▼	85 ▼	41 ▼	36
HealthNow New York Inc.	45 ▼	95 ▲	47	40
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	67 ▲	91	44	44
Hudson Health Plan	50 ▼	87	45	35 ▼
Independent Health's MediSource	53 ▼	92	46	41
MVP Health Care	46 ▼	84 ▼	40	40
MetroPlus Health Plan	56 ▼	86 ▼	39 ▼	48 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	43 ▼	85 ▼	41	46 ▲
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	71 ▲	98 ▲	45	33 ▼
WellCare of New York	60	87	40 ▼	42
YourCare Health Plan	45 ▼	76 ▼	44	37
MMC Statewide Average	61	90	44	40
National Average	*	81	33	39
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	Colon Cancer Screening	Adult BMI Assessment	Annual Dental Visit (Ages 19-20)	Flu Shot for Adults
Amida Care	52 ▼	NV	NA	72
MetroPlus Health Plan	63	87	NA	74
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	62	NV	NA	76
SNP Statewide Average	59	87	NA	74

Legend

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- NA Data not available.
- NV Plan submitted invalid data.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Acute Illness

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)				
	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	Avoidance of Antibiotics Therapy in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	Advising Smokers to Quit	Discussing Smoking Cessation Medications	Discussing Smoking Cessation Strategies
Affinity Health Plan	76	33	68	49	44
CDPHP	70 ▼	31	82	59	49
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	80 ▲	33 ▲	74	51	49
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	74	18 ▼	83	60	54
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	73 ▼	31	69 ▼	46 ▼	43
HIP (EmblemHealth)	78	25 ▼	85	54	54
HealthNow New York Inc.	71	22 ▼	83	59	51
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	78 ▲	35 ▲	76	56	45
Hudson Health Plan	68 ▼	26	78	55	48
Independent Health's MediSource	71 ▼	26	76	62	51
MVP Health Care	80	24	84	65	58
MetroPlus Health Plan	82 ▲	32	79	61	61
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	72	29	82	66	46
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	75	27 ▼	76	64	50
WellCare of New York	84 ▲	44 ▲	81	58	51
YourCare Health Plan	73	23 ▼	83	61	52
MMC Statewide Average	76	30	80	59	51
National Average	74	28	76	48	43
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)				
	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	Avoidance of Antibiotics Therapy in Adults with Acute Bronchitis	Advising Smokers to Quit	Discussing Smoking Cessation Medications	Discussing Smoking Cessation Strategies
Amida Care	77	NA	92	85	78
MetroPlus Health Plan	85	NA	91	78	75
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	61	NA	89	80	71
SNP Statewide Average	75	NA	91	81	75

Legend

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- NA Data Not Available.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Cardiovascular Conditions

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)	
	Controlling High Blood Pressure	Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment
Affinity Health Plan	NV	85
CDPHP	67	91
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	62	84
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	65	89
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	73 ▲	86
HIP (EmblemHealth)	53 ▼	86
HealthNow New York Inc.	71 ▲	--
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	60	86
Hudson Health Plan	62	89
Independent Health's MediSource	66	86
MVP Health Care	72 ▲	--
MetroPlus Health Plan	61	--
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	60	--
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	70 ▲	84
WellCare of New York	53 ▼	81
YourCare Health Plan	50 ▼	90
MMC Statewide Average	64	86
National Average	55	81
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)	
	Controlling High Blood Pressure	Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment
Amida Care	NV	--
MetroPlus Health Plan	59	--
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	NV	--
SNP Statewide Average	59	--

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Respiratory Conditions - Asthma

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)		
	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)
Affinity Health Plan	53	71 ▲	49 ▲
CDPHP	59	63	36 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	51 ▼	65	39 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	58 ▲	65	41
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	59 ▲	67	42
HIP (EmblemHealth)	56	69	43
HealthNow New York Inc.	57	67	46
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	49 ▼	67	42
Hudson Health Plan	56	61 ▼	35 ▼
Independent Health's MediSource	60	58 ▼	37
MVP Health Care	57	70	51
MetroPlus Health Plan	47 ▼	75 ▲	54 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	55	57 ▼	29 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	55	65	39 ▼
WellCare of New York	69 ▲	68	45
YourCare Health Plan	69 ▲	67	42
MMC Statewide Average	54	68	43
National Average	*	*	*
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)		
	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 19-64)
Amida Care	42 ▲	84	68
MetroPlus Health Plan	30 ▼	82	68
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	29 ▼	82	69
SNP Statewide Average	35	83	68

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the statewide average.
- ▼ Significantly worse than the statewide average.
- * No national average available.

Notes

- Plans without symbols are consistent with the statewide average.

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Respiratory Conditions - COPD

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)		
	Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD	Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation	
		Corticosteroid	Bronchodilator
Affinity Health Plan	51	76	87
CDPHP	30 ▼	77	81 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	57	74	91
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	46 ▼	83 ▲	89
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	59 ▲	76	88
HIP (EmblemHealth)	48 ▼	75	90
HealthNow New York Inc.	39 ▼	76	87
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	70 ▲	74	90 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	45 ▼	77	87
Independent Health's MediSource	41 ▼	76	81 ▼
MVP Health Care	42	80	89
MetroPlus Health Plan	53	70 ▼	89
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	35 ▼	72	87
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	60	74	87
WellCare of New York	51	67	79
YourCare Health Plan	52	78	89
MMC Statewide Average	56	75	88
National Average	31	67	80
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)		
	Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD	Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation	
		Corticosteroid	Bronchodilator
Amida Care	18 ▼	64	95
MetroPlus Health Plan	38 ▲	63	95
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	28	78	95
SNP Statewide Average	26	67	95

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the statewide average.
- ▼ Significantly worse than the statewide average.

Notes

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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Monitoring Diabetes

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	HbA1c Testing	Dilated Eye Exam	Nephropathy Monitoring	Received All Tests
Affinity Health Plan	85 ▼	50 ▼	93	45 ▼
CDPHP	89	68 ▲	91	59
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	90	63	93	59
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	87 ▼	66	89 ▼	56
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	91	65	92	60
HIP (EmblemHealth)	93	64	95 ▲	60
HealthNow New York Inc.	87 ▼	63	90 ▼	54
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	93 ▲	65	95 ▲	61
Hudson Health Plan	90	65	91	58
Independent Health's MediSource	88 ▼	62	93	54
MVP Health Care	88 ▼	64	90 ▼	55
MetroPlus Health Plan	93 ▲	59	92	54
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	88 ▼	61	89 ▼	54
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	90	66	92	59
WellCare of New York	92	53 ▼	94	51 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	88 ▼	58 ▼	92	52 ▼
MMC Statewide Average	91	63	93	58
National Average	86	53	90	*
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	HbA1c Testing	Dilated Eye Exam	Nephropathy Monitoring	Received All Tests
Amida Care	93	22 ▼	97 ▲	21 ▼
MetroPlus Health Plan	98 ▲	51 ▲	95	48 ▲
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	94	42 ▲	93 ▼	39 ▲
SNP Statewide Average	95	37	95	34

Legend

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- ▼ Significantly worse than the statewide average.
- * No national average available.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Diabetes Outcomes

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	Poor HbA1c Control†	HbA1C Control (<8.0%)	HbA1C Control (<7.0%) for Selected Populations±	Blood pressure controlled (<140/90 mm Hg)
Affinity Health Plan	NV	NV	NV	NV
CDPHP	34	55	39	72 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	34	54	36	67
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	37 ▼	50 ▼	35 ▼	66
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	28	61	47 ▲	70
HIP (EmblemHealth)	34	55	42	58 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	33	57	40	72 ▲
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	33	56	38	68
Hudson Health Plan	33	56	39	73 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	30	60	43	69
MVP Health Care	35	53	39	73 ▲
MetroPlus Health Plan	27 ▲	60	41	67
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	44 ▼	46 ▼	36	NV
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	34	57	39	79 ▲
WellCare of New York	29	57	NV	62 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	55 ▼	36 ▼	23 ▼	51 ▼
MMC Statewide Average	32	57	40	68
National Average	45	46	32	59
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	Poor HbA1c Control†	HbA1C Control (<8.0%)	HbA1C Control (<7.0%) for Selected Populations±	Blood pressure controlled (<140/90 mm Hg)
Amida Care	NV	NV	NV	NV
MetroPlus Health Plan	28	63	50	69
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	NV	NV	NV	NV
SNP Statewide Average	28	63	50	69

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.
- ▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.
- † For Poor HbA1c Control, a low rate is desirable.
- ± Additional exclusion criteria are required for this indicator that will result in a different eligible population from all other indicators.
- NV Plan submitted invalid data.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Managing Medications

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)				
	Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications			
		ACE Inhibitors/ARBs	Digoxin	Diuretics	Combined Rate
Affinity Health Plan	79	91 ▼	51	90 ▼	90 ▼
CDPHP	87	89 ▼	50	88 ▼	88 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	81	92	47	91	92
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	89 ▲	88 ▼	52	88 ▼	87 ▼
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	86 ▲	93 ▲	64 ▲	93 ▲	93 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	80	91 ▼	50	90 ▼	91 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	74	85 ▼	--	85 ▼	85 ▼
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	81	93 ▲	46 ▼	92	92
Hudson Health Plan	75	90 ▼	51	90	90 ▼
Independent Health's MediSource	74	88 ▼	59	88 ▼	88 ▼
MVP Health Care	--	88 ▼	--	87 ▼	87 ▼
MetroPlus Health Plan	81	94 ▲	74 ▲	93 ▲	93 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	73	91	--	90	90
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	74 ▼	92	54	91	91
WellCare of New York	80	93 ▲	--	92	93 ▲
YourCare Health Plan	77	88 ▼	--	85 ▼	87 ▼
MMC Statewide Average	81	92	55	91	92
National Average	72	88	54	88	87
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)				
	Drug Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis	Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications			
		ACE Inhibitors/ARBs	Digoxin	Diuretics	Combined Rate
Amida Care	NA	99	--	99	99
MetroPlus Health Plan	NA	100	--	99	100 ▲
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	NA	99	--	98 ▼	98 ▼
SNP Statewide Average	NA	99	--	99	99

Legend

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- Sample size too small to report.

NA Data not available.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)		
	Engaged in Care	Viral Load Monitoring	Syphilis Screening
Affinity Health Plan	NV	NV	NV
CDPHP	85	79	66 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	80	69	71
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	86	75	70
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	86 ▲	72	75
HIP (EmblemHealth)	66 ▼	55 ▼	68 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	90	75	65
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	82	75 ▲	76 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	72 ▼	66	59 ▼
Independent Health's MediSource	82	75	60 ▼
MVP Health Care	52 ▼	50 ▼	57
MetroPlus Health Plan	83	74	82 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	91	75	76
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	83	61 ▼	64 ▼
WellCare of New York	80	60 ▼	68
YourCare Health Plan	85	70	66
MMC Statewide Average	82	71	74
National Average	*	*	*
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)		
	Engaged in Care	Viral Load Monitoring	Syphilis Screening
Amida Care	83 ▼	82 ▲	85 ▲
MetroPlus Health Plan	86	79	85 ▲
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	88 ▲	78 ▼	79 ▼
SNP Statewide Average	85	80	83

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Notes

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Antidepressant Medication Management addresses how well a health plan performs in treating people with moderate to severe depression who are prescribed antidepressant medication. Once diagnosed, individuals treated with medications should be managed on both a short-term (acute phase) and long-term (continuation phase) basis. By continuing treatment, patients with depressive disorders may prevent a relapse in symptoms and/or prevent future recurrences of depression.

Follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness addresses whether enrollees who were hospitalized for treatment of certain mental health disorders received recommended ambulatory follow-up visits within recommended timeframes.

Members with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder are disproportionately more likely to suffer chronic diseases and have a significantly shorter lifespan than the general population. The four measures for people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder highlight the clinical outcomes and also have the potential to identify members at greater risk for morbidity and mortality from adverse outcomes resulting from a lack of adherence to appropriate medications, preventive care, and treatment.

Children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) should receive proper medical management for their condition. For children with ADHD, regular follow-up visits with a doctor are important after beginning prescription medications.

Current guidelines recommend psychosocial care as the first-line treatment for children with mental illness, but for some children with serious behavioral health issues such treatment is not enough. In such cases a clinician may prescribe antipsychotic medications to reduce a child's level of impairment and improve his or her quality of life. While antipsychotic treatment for children is increasingly common, not enough is known about the effects of prescribing more than one type of antipsychotic; therefore, it is important to measure the use of multiple concurrent antipsychotics in this population. And while antipsychotics can be efficacious, their use has been linked to metabolic disturbances making metabolic monitoring necessary for children prescribed antipsychotics.

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Antidepressant Medication Management	<p>This measure is for members, ages 18 years and older, who were diagnosed with depression and treated with an antidepressant medication. There are two components for this measure. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective Acute Phase Treatment: The percentage of members who remained on antidepressant medication during the entire 12-week acute treatment phase. 2. Effective Continuation Phase Treatment: The percentage of members who remained on antidepressant medication for at least six months.
Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	<p>This measure is for members, ages 6 years and older, who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental health disorders and has two time-frame components. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within 7 Days: The percentage of members who were seen on an ambulatory basis or who were in intermediate treatment with a mental health provider within 7 days of discharge. 2. Within 30 Days: The percentage of members who were seen on an ambulatory basis or who were in intermediate treatment with a mental health provider within 30 days of discharge.
Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	<p>The percentage of members, ages 19 to 64 years, during the measurement year with schizophrenia who were dispensed and remained on an antipsychotic medication for at least 80% of their treatment period. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p>

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Diabetes Screening for People w/ Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Using Antipsychotic Meds	The percentage of members, ages 18 to 64 years, with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder who were dispensed an antipsychotic medication and had a diabetes screening test during the measurement year. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Diabetes Monitoring for People with Diabetes and Schizophrenia	The percentage of members, ages 18 to 64 years, with diabetes and schizophrenia who had both an LDL-C test and an HbA1c test during the measurement year. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Cardiovascular Monitoring for People with Cardiovascular Disease and Schizophrenia	The percentage of members, ages 18 to 64 years, with cardiovascular disease and schizophrenia who had an LDL-C test during the measurement year. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medications	<p>The percentage of children, ages 6 to 12 years, who were newly prescribed ADHD medication and who had at least three follow-up visits within a 10-month period, one of which was within 30 days of when the first ADHD medication was dispensed. There are two measures to assess follow-up care for children taking ADHD medication. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Phase: The percentage of children with a new prescription for ADHD medication and who had one follow-up visit with a practitioner within the 30 days after starting the medication. 2. Continuation & Maintenance Phase: The percentage of children with a new prescription for ADHD medication who remained on the medication for 7 months and who, in addition to the visit in the Initiation Phase, had at least two follow-up visits in the 9-month period after the initiation phase ended.
Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	The percentage of children and adolescents, ages 1 to 17 years, who had two or more antipsychotic prescriptions and had metabolic testing. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Use of Multiple Concurrent Antipsychotics in Children and Adolescents	The percentage of children and adolescents, ages 1 to 17 years, who were on two or more concurrent antipsychotic medications. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	The percentage of children and adolescents, ages 1 to 17 years, who had a new prescription for an antipsychotic medication and had documentation of psychosocial care as first-line treatment. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Behavioral Health

Plan	Antidepressant Medication Management		Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	
	Effective Acute Phase Treatment	Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	Within 7 Days	Within 30 Days
CDPHP	66	50	75 ▲	85 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	71	59 ▲	41 ▼	54 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	64	49	58	74 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	64	49	46 ▼	62 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	62	45 ▼	64 ▲	80 ▲
Independent Health	64	48	63	81 ▲
MVP Health Care	62	48	56	70
Oxford Health Plans of New York	66	52 ▲	50 ▼	64 ▼
Univera Healthcare	63	46	33 ▼	49 ▼
Statewide Average	64	49	56	71
National Average	66	50	52	70

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.
- ▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.

Notes

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

Plan	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Use of Multiple Concurrent Antipsychotics in Children and Adolescents †	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	
				Initiation Phase	Continuation Phase
CDPHP	44	4	64	45	56
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	38	--	--	26	--
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	37	4	66	43	49
HIP (EmblemHealth)	46	4	--	37	--
HealthNow New York Inc.	41	2	74	46	57
Independent Health	45	3	--	48	53
MVP Health Care	36	1	52	48	48
Oxford Health Plans of New York	37	1	43 ▼	36 ▼	37 ▼
Univera Healthcare	38	--	--	52	--
Statewide Average	39	3	60	42	48
National Average	34	2	*	39	48

Legend

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- ▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.
- * No national average available.
- Sample size too small to report.
- † A lower rate is desirable.

Notes

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Behavioral Health

Plan	Antidepressant Medication Management		Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	
	Effective Acute Phase Treatment	Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	Within 7 Days	Within 30 Days
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	71 ▲	60 ▲	56	71
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	67	53	71 ▲	83 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	67	53	45 ▼	70
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	68	52 ▼	59	74
GHI (EmblemHealth)	62	48	44 ▼	61 ▼
MVP Preferred PPO	63 ▼	48 ▼	53	65
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	69	58	60	73
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	66	52	65 ▲	76
Statewide Average	68	55	58	73
National Average	67	51	49	69

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.
- ▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.

Notes

- Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.
- Plans without symbols are consistent with the **statewide** average.
- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

Plan	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Use of Multiple Concurrent Antipsychotics in Children and Adolescents †	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	
				Initiation Phase	Continuation Phase
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	43	3	64	42	49
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	49	2	74	51	62
CGLIC/CHLIC	43	2	63	48	54
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	43	4	65	42	48
GHI (EmblemHealth)	53	2	--	37	--
MVP Preferred PPO	33	3	--	41	--
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	42	4	61	44	53
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	43	3	66	49	49
Statewide Average	43	3	64	45	51
National Average	31	3	*	37	46

Legend

* No national average available.

-- Sample size too small to report.

† A lower rate is desirable.

Notes

• Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.

• Plans without symbols are consistent with the **statewide** average.

• National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Behavioral Health

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	Antidepressant Medication Management		Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	
	Effective Acute Phase Treatment	Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	Within 7 Days	Within 30 Days
Affinity Health Plan	49	35	53 ▼	71 ▼
CDPHP	51	36	75 ▲	87 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	53	37	63	77
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	46 ▼	32 ▼	64	80
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	52	36	71 ▲	85 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	56 ▲	41 ▲	49 ▼	65 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	48	33	71	85
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	53 ▲	38	75 ▲	86 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	51	36	61	78
Independent Health's MediSource	50	36	75 ▲	85 ▲
MVP Health Care	43 ▼	29 ▼	63	74
MetroPlus Health Plan	59 ▲	43 ▲	48 ▼	63 ▼
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	43 ▼	29 ▼	45 ▼	63 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	53	39	68	79
WellCare of New York	48	34	42 ▼	60 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	49	32 ▼	59	78
Statewide Average	52	37	65	79
National Average	55	40	44	61
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	Antidepressant Medication Management		Follow-up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	
	Effective Acute Phase Treatment	Effective Continuation Phase Treatment	Within 7 Days	Within 30 Days
Amida Care	55	42	40	63
MetroPlus Health Plan	59	40	38	50
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	53	36	57	64
Statewide Average	56	39	45	59

Legend

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Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder Measures

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	Cardiovascular Monitoring for People with Cardiovascular Disease and Schizophrenia	Diabetes Screening for People w/ Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Using Antipsychotic Meds	Diabetes Monitoring for People with Diabetes and Schizophrenia
Affinity Health Plan	66 ▲	97	81	76
CDPHP	64	--	82	82
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	63	88	81	75
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	55 ▼	--	79 ▼	70 ▼
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	62	80	84 ▲	80
HIP (EmblemHealth)	69 ▲	84	81	81
HealthNow New York Inc.	63	--	73 ▼	65
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	61	86	85 ▲	84 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	59	--	83	72
Independent Health's MediSource	53	--	81	75
MVP Health Care	48	--	81	--
MetroPlus Health Plan	60	87	84 ▲	84
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	42 ▼	--	83	74
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	58	87	81	79
WellCare of New York	64	--	78	73
YourCare Health Plan	52	--	78	63 ▼
Statewide Average	61	84	82	80
National Average	58	78	80	68
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals with Schizophrenia	Cardiovascular Monitoring for People with Cardiovascular Disease and Schizophrenia	Diabetes Screening for People w/ Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Using Antipsychotic Meds	Diabetes Monitoring for People with Diabetes and Schizophrenia
Amida Care	55	--	100	89
MetroPlus Health Plan	59	--	100	--
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	65	--	97 ▼	--
Statewide Average	59	--	99	90

Legend

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- Sample size too small to report.

Notes

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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health

Plan	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Use of Multiple Concurrent Antipsychotics in Children and Adolescents †	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	Follow-up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	
				Initiation Phase	Continuation Phase
Affinity Health Plan	44	4	65	52 ▼	60
CDPHP	43 ▲	4	68	52 ▼	55 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	48 ▲	4	52 ▼	61	75
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	29 ▼	2	66	46 ▼	55 ▼
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	36 ▼	2	71	61 ▲	69
HIP (EmblemHealth)	41	3	71	49 ▼	56 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	28 ▼	1	82	47 ▼	51
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	48 ▲	2	71	69 ▲	86 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	33 ▼	3	70	58	74
Independent Health's MediSource	48 ▲	2	87 ▲	48 ▼	60
MVP Health Care	30	3	--	36 ▼	44
MetroPlus Health Plan	40	4	70	61	72
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	32	2	69	60	76
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	33 ▼	2	60 ▼	61	72
WellCare of New York	39	2	50	60	--
YourCare Health Plan	42	4	71	47 ▼	56
Statewide Average	39	3	68	58	67
National Average	30	3	*	42	51

Legend▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.

* No national average available.

-- Sample size too small to report.

† A lower rate is desirable.

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Children of all ages, from infants to adolescents, should receive routine primary and preventive care to ensure they lead healthy lives. Primary and preventive care, such as annual medical and dental exams, are indicative of the health and well-being of children. In conjunction with other preventive care, children and adolescents should have the recommended series of immunizations for their age. Additionally, young children can be exposed to lead through normal hand-to-mouth activity with toys and other objects, and it is recommended they have their blood tested for lead by the age of two.

Unnecessary medical testing can lead to increased costs of healthcare and is not indicative of good quality. The non-recommended cervical cancer screening measure seeks to address this quality of care issue among female adolescents, and a lower rate is desirable.

The appropriateness of care for children with acute illness is also shown. Excess use of antibiotics is linked to the prevalence of resistant strains of bacteria in the community; appropriate testing and use of antibiotics in children is an indicator of high quality of care. Children with chronic health conditions, such as asthma, should receive proper medical management for their conditions. For children with asthma, this means receiving enough of the appropriate medication for their condition and remaining adherent to their treatment plan.

In recent years, the increasing prevalence of childhood obesity has become a significant public health concern. The number of children who are overweight and at risk for becoming obese has also continued to increase. A number of clinical guidelines state that monitoring body mass index (BMI) percentiles is the first step in identifying and addressing overweight and obesity risk. Additionally, counseling and assessment of nutrition and physical activity by the primary care provider is an important component of the overall goal of maintaining or achieving a healthy weight for youth. Three preventive counseling measures for healthy children and adolescents evaluate plan performance of these activities.

In addition to routine visits with a doctor, adolescents have unique preventive care needs. A set of four measures developed by NYS address assessment and counseling for several areas of concern, including risks associated with sexual activity, depression, tobacco, and substance use.

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Child and Adolescent Preventive Care	
Adolescent Immunization Combo	The percentage of members, age 13 years, who had one dose of meningococcal vaccine between their 11th and 13th birthdays and one dose of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine between their 10th and their 13th birthdays. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Adolescent Immunization HPV	The percentage of female adolescents, age 13 years, who had three doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine by their 13th birthday. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Non-Recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females	The percentage of adolescent females, ages 16 to 20 years, who were screened unnecessarily for cervical cancer. A low rate is desirable for this measure. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Childhood Immunization Status (Combo 3)	The percentage of members, age 2 years, who were fully immunized. The HEDIS specifications for fully immunized consists of the following vaccines: 4 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, 3 Polio, 1 Measles/Mumps/Rubella, 3 H Influenza type B, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella, and 4 pneumococcal. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Child and Adolescent Preventive Care (Continued)	
Lead Testing	The percentage of children, age 2 years, who had their blood tested for lead poisoning at least once by their 2nd birthday. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Well-Child Visits in First 15 Months of Life-5 Visits	The percentage of children who had five or more well-child visits with a primary care provider in their first 15 months of life. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Year of Life	The percentage of children, ages 3 to 6 years, who had one or more well-child visits with a primary care provider during the measurement year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Adolescent Well-Care Visits	The percentage of adolescents, ages 12 to 21 years, who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care provider during the measurement year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Annual Dental Visit (Ages 2-18)	The percentage of children and adolescents, ages 2 to 18 years, who had at least one dental visit within the measurement year. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Caring for Children and Adolescents with Illness	
Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)	The percentage of children, ages 3 months to 18 years, who were diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection (common cold) and who were NOT given a prescription for an antibiotic. A higher score indicates more appropriate treatment of children with URI. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis	The percentage of children, ages 2 to 18 years, who were diagnosed with pharyngitis, were prescribed an antibiotic, and who were given a group A streptococcus test. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 5-18)	The percentage of members, ages 5 to 18 years, who were identified as having persistent asthma and had a ratio of controller medications to total asthma medications of 0.50 or greater during the measurement year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)	The percentage of children, ages 5 to 18 years, with persistent asthma who filled prescriptions for asthma controller medications during at least 50% of their treatment period. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Preventive Counseling for Children and Adolescents	
Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents	The percentage of children and adolescents, ages 3 to 17 years, who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year, who had their body mass index (BMI) calculated, had counseling for nutrition, and counseling for physical activity. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Preventive Counseling for Children and Adolescents (Continued)	
Adolescent Preventive Care Measures	<p>The percentage of adolescents, ages 12 to 17 years, who had at least one outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year, and received the following four components of care during the measurement year: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sexual Activity: Assessment, counseling or education on risk behaviors and preventive actions associated with sexual activity 2. Depression: Assessment, counseling or education for depression 3. Tobacco Use: Assessment, counseling or education about the risks of tobacco use 4. Alcohol and Other Drug Use: Assessment, counseling or education about the risks of substance use (Substance use includes alcohol, street drugs, non-prescription drugs, prescription drug misuse and inhalant use)

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Preventive Care - Immunizations and Screening

Plan	Adolescent Immunization Combo	Adolescent Immunization HPV	Non-Recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females †	Childhood Immunization Status (Combo 3)	Lead Testing
CDPHP	80 ▲	24 ▲	3	88 ▲	89 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	67 ▼	12 ▼	2	75	81
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	72	24 ▲	3	84 ▲	79
HIP (EmblemHealth)	78 ▲	19	4 ▼	75	87 ▲
HealthNow New York Inc.	80 ▲	19	2	84 ▲	94 ▲
Independent Health	78 ▲	16	2	84 ▲	93 ▲
MVP Health Care	76	21	3	83 ▲	82
Oxford Health Plans of New York	63 ▼	10 ▼	2 ▲	63 ▼	77 ▼
Univera Healthcare	75	20	3	89 ▲	93 ▲
Statewide Average	73	19	3	78	83
National Average	74	18	2	76	*

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.
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- † A lower rate is desirable.
- * No national average available.

Notes

- Plans without symbols are consistent with the **statewide** average.
- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Preventive Care - Well Visits

Plan	Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in First 15 Months of Life (5+ Visits)	Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Year of Life	Adolescent Well-Care Visits
CDPHP	96 ▲	91 ▲	71 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	83 ▼	81 ▼	58 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	93 ▲	83 ▼	59 ▼
HIP (EmblemHealth)	83 ▼	81 ▼	59 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	96 ▲	90 ▲	68 ▲
Independent Health	96 ▲	91 ▲	70 ▲
MVP Health Care	97 ▲	88 ▲	64 ▲
Oxford Health Plans of New York	91 ▼	85	65 ▲
Univera Healthcare	93	83	60 ▼
Statewide Average	92	85	62
National Average	*	76	47

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Caring for Children and Adolescents with Illness

Plan	Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)	Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 5-18)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)
CDPHP	94 ▲	94 ▲	84	58	34
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	90	82 ▼	72	45	25
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	90 ▼	87	85 ▲	61 ▲	36 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	93 ▲	90	73 ▼	51	26
HealthNow New York Inc.	91	90	84	55	36
Independent Health	89	93 ▲	84	55	28
MVP Health Care	91	90	80	64	39
Oxford Health Plans of New York	92 ▲	86 ▼	80	56	27 ▼
Univera Healthcare	88	86	80	51	29
Statewide Average	91	88	83	58	33
National Average	88	83	*	*	*

Legend

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Notes

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents

Plan	Weight Assessment			Assessment, Education or Counseling for Adolescents			
	BMI Percentile	Counseling for Nutrition	Counseling for Physical Activity	Sexual Activity	Depression	Tobacco Use	Alcohol and Other Drug Use
CDPHP	92 ▲	90 ▲	84 ▲	77 ▲	70 ▲	90 ▲	86 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	65 ▼	78	68	45 ▼	38 ▼	52 ▼	49 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	81 ▲	81 ▲	76 ▲	73 ▲	57 ▲	79 ▲	71 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	61 ▼	68 ▼	59 ▼	58	44	60	54
HealthNow New York Inc.	87 ▲	87 ▲	79 ▲	69 ▲	69 ▲	78 ▲	73 ▲
Independent Health	91 ▲	92 ▲	89 ▲	76 ▲	76 ▲	86 ▲	80 ▲
MVP Health Care	75	77	74 ▲	70 ▲	55 ▲	75 ▲	74 ▲
Oxford Health Plans of New York	55 ▼	56 ▼	47 ▼	18 ▼	10 ▼	22 ▼	21 ▼
Univera Healthcare	94 ▲	90 ▲	88 ▲	75 ▲	69 ▲	85 ▲	78 ▲
Statewide Average	74	75	68	59	48	64	59
National Average	61	59	55	*	*	*	*

Legend

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Notes

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Preventive Care - Immunizations and Screening

Plan	Adolescent Immunization Combo	Adolescent Immunization HPV	Non-Recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females †	Childhood Immunization Status (Combo 3)	Lead Testing
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	65	13	3 ▲	71	80
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	75 ▲	21 ▲	2 ▲	84 ▲	85 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	70	11 ▼	4	76	73 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	67	14	4	70	81
GHI (EmblemHealth)	67	15	4	73	78
MVP Preferred PPO	69	15	2 ▲	72	77
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	63 ▼	9 ▼	2 ▲	67 ▼	74
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	69	14	5 ▼	74	76
Statewide Average	68	14	4	73	78
National Average	65	14	2	68	*

Legend

▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.

▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.

† A lower rate is desirable.

* No national average available.

Notes

• Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.

• Plans without symbols are consistent with the **statewide** average.

• National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Preventive Care - Well Visits

Plan	Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in First 15 Months of Life (5+ Visits)	Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Year of Life	Adolescent Well-Care Visits
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	93 ▲	82 ▼	60
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	96 ▲	91 ▲	64 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	93 ▲	87 ▲	64 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	80 ▼	79 ▼	53 ▼
GHI (EmblemHealth)	82 ▼	76 ▼	51 ▼
MVP Preferred PPO	93	85	61
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	93 ▲	87 ▲	69 ▲
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	94 ▲	87 ▲	62 ▲
Statewide Average	91	84	60
National Average	*	72	42

Legend

- ▲ Significantly better than the **statewide** average.
- ▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.
- * No national average available.

Notes

- Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.
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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Caring for Children and Adolescents with Illness

Plan	Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)	Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 5-18)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	92	93 ▲	80	61	38 ▲
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	92	91 ▲	83	57	32
CGLIC/CHLIC	94 ▲	92 ▲	87 ▲	61	36
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	92	86 ▼	82	55	28
GHI (EmblemHealth)	94	85	80	56	33
MVP Preferred PPO	90 ▼	90	88	68	42
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	93	87 ▼	82	54	30
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	93	84 ▼	80	55	29
Statewide Average	93	89	82	58	33
National Average	87	81	*	*	*

Legend

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- * No national average available.

Notes

- Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.
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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents

Plan	Weight Assessment			Assessment, Education or Counseling for Adolescents			
	BMI Percentile	Counseling for Nutrition	Counseling for Physical Activity	Sexual Activity	Depression	Tobacco Use	Alcohol and Other Drug Use
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	57	65	61	45	40	52	51
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	88 ▲	87 ▲	81 ▲	70 ▲	64 ▲	82 ▲	77 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	82 ▲	80 ▲	74 ▲	60 ▲	52 ▲	64 ▲	63 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	58	70 ▲	62	44	35	50	50
GHI (EmblemHealth)	49 ▼	60	55	47	42	52	48
MVP Preferred PPO	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	57 ▼	57 ▼	50 ▼	23 ▼	16 ▼	25 ▼	23 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	59	58 ▼	53 ▼	37	31	45	40
Statewide Average	62	65	59	43	36	49	46
National Average	46	47	42	*	*	*	*

Legend

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▼ Significantly worse than the **statewide** average.

* No national average available.

NV Plan submitted invalid data.

Notes

• Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.

• Plans without symbols are consistent with the **statewide** average.

• National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Preventive Care - Immunizations and Screening

Plan	Adolescent Immunization Combo	Adolescent Immunization HPV	Non-Recommended Cervical Cancer Screening in Adolescent Females †	Childhood Immunization Status (Combo 3)	Lead Testing
Affinity Health Plan	75	35	4 ▼	79 ▲	89
CDPHP	73	26 ▼	2	80 ▲	82 ▼
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	73	34	3	76	92 ▲
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	75	25 ▼	2 ▲	79 ▲	84
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	73	26 ▼	3	71	86
HIP (EmblemHealth)	74	22 ▼	3	64 ▼	83 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	71	24 ▼	1 ▲	80 ▲	87
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	80 ▲	39 ▲	3	82 ▲	88
Hudson Health Plan	78	27	3	76	88
Independent Health's MediSource	76	22 ▼	2 ▲	73	87
MVP Health Care	85 ▲	26	2	83 ▲	81 ▼
MetroPlus Health Plan	79 ▲	50 ▲	2 ▲	84 ▲	95 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	68 ▼	37 ▲	2	77	83 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	64 ▼	12 ▼	4 ▼	59 ▼	80 ▼
WellCare of New York	70	37 ▲	3	75	90
YourCare Health Plan	76	22 ▼	2 ▲	71	86
Statewide Average	74	31	3	75	87
National Average	73	23	3	69	67

Legend

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† A lower rate is desirable.

Notes

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• National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Child and Adolescent Preventive Care - Well Visits

Plan	Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in First 15 Months of Life (5+ Visits)	Well-Child & Preventive Care Visits in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Year of Life	Adolescent Well-Care Visits	Annual Dental Visit (Ages 2-18)
Affinity Health Plan	84 ▲	80 ▼	61 ▼	52 ▼
CDPHP	86 ▲	82 ▼	64 ▼	61 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	81	86 ▲	69 ▲	63 ▲
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	86 ▲	83 ▼	63 ▼	62 ▲
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	81	82 ▼	63 ▼	61 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	70 ▼	81 ▼	65	59 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	86 ▲	81 ▼	64	66 ▲
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	81	88 ▲	70 ▲	59 ▼
Hudson Health Plan	81	81 ▼	61 ▼	69 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	80	83	63 ▼	65 ▲
MVP Health Care	81	80 ▼	60 ▼	58 ▼
MetroPlus Health Plan	82 ▲	86 ▲	64 ▼	60
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	78	78 ▼	59 ▼	53 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	74 ▼	83 ▼	62 ▼	58 ▼
WellCare of New York	75 ▼	79 ▼	64 ▼	55 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	78	79 ▼	60 ▼	68 ▲
Statewide Average	80	84	65	60
National Average	*	71	49	*

Legend

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Notes

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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Caring for Children and Adolescents with Illness

Plan	Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection (URI)	Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis	Asthma Medication Ratio (Ages 5-18)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 50% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)	Medication Management for People with Asthma 75% Days Covered (Ages 5-18)
Affinity Health Plan	95 ▲	84 ▼	58 ▼	57 ▲	29
CDPHP	94	89	65	49	27
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	93 ▼	90 ▲	67 ▲	51	24 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	93 ▼	88	69 ▲	53	30 ▲
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	95 ▲	91 ▲	68 ▲	56 ▲	29 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	94	91 ▲	65	52	26
HealthNow New York Inc.	90 ▼	83 ▼	76 ▲	53	36 ▲
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	95 ▲	86 ▼	54 ▼	51 ▼	24 ▼
Hudson Health Plan	95	89	68 ▲	48 ▼	20 ▼
Independent Health's MediSource	92 ▼	84 ▼	71 ▲	46 ▼	22
MVP Health Care	94	85	59	45	24
MetroPlus Health Plan	95 ▲	85 ▼	55 ▼	60 ▲	33 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	95	71 ▼	60	49	20
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	92 ▼	87 ▼	68 ▲	54	27
WellCare of New York	95	85	72 ▲	49	20
YourCare Health Plan	89 ▼	84 ▼	82 ▲	50	24
Statewide Average	94	88	62	53	27
National Average	88	71	*	*	*

Legend

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Notes

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• National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Assessment and Counseling for Children and Adolescents

Plan	Weight Assessment			Assessment, Education or Counseling for Adolescents			
	BMI Percentile	Counseling for Nutrition	Counseling for Physical Activity	Sexual Activity	Depression	Tobacco Use	Alcohol and Other Drug Use
Affinity Health Plan	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
CDPHP	87 ▲	84 ▲	79 ▲	67	62	79	75
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	71 ▼	76	65 ▼	57	47 ▼	57 ▼	61
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	80	80	72	62	49 ▼	81 ▲	61
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	75	76	73	62	57	76	68
HIP (EmblemHealth)	74	72 ▼	65 ▼	70	59	72	70
HealthNow New York Inc.	85 ▲	82	74	57	65	80	69
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	73	81	66 ▼	63	60	72	67
Hudson Health Plan	86 ▲	83 ▲	77 ▲	68	66 ▲	81 ▲	75 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	82 ▲	86 ▲	74	69	67	80	76 ▲
MVP Health Care	81 ▲	80	75	65	56	77	67
MetroPlus Health Plan	82 ▲	87 ▲	78 ▲	70	71 ▲	77	70
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	80	83 ▲	76 ▲	62	59	72	63
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	88 ▲	84 ▲	82 ▲	79 ▲	79 ▲	82 ▲	81 ▲
WellCare of New York	65 ▼	67 ▼	60 ▼	49 ▼	49 ▼	59 ▼	51 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	60 ▼	68 ▼	63 ▼	54 ▼	47 ▼	57 ▼	52 ▼
Statewide Average	77	80	72	65	60	74	68
National Average	64	60	53	*	*	*	*

Legend

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- ▼ Significantly worse than the statewide average.
- * No national average available.
- NV Plan submitted invalid data.

Notes

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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

This section includes information on a health plan’s provider network and how consumers feel about the care they receive from their providers. Included in this section are board certification rates for several types of physicians. Various medical boards certify physicians in their area of specialization based on education, experience, and clinical and/or written testing.

The remaining measures in this section are collected through the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) survey. Commercial health plan data is from the CAHPS® 5.0H survey conducted in 2015 for adult commercial members who were enrolled in their health plan for at least 12 months. Members were asked to describe their experiences within the past 12 months. This data is collected annually and submitted to the Department by the health plans.

The NYSDOH sponsors a biennial CAHPS® survey for Medicaid adults enrolled for at least 6 months. Members were asked to describe their experiences in the past 6 months. Medicaid enrollees were last surveyed by the Department in late 2015 using the CAHPS® 5.0H survey. The data presented here are from that survey for adults only.

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Provider Network	
Board Certification	The percentage of physicians whose board certification is active as of December 31 of the measurement year. Results are collected for the following fields: family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Satisfaction with Provider Communication	The percentage of members who responded "usually" or "always" when asked how often their doctor listened to them carefully, explained things in a way they could understand, showed respect for what they had to say, and spent enough time with them. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Satisfaction with Personal Doctor	The percentage of members responding 8, 9, or 10 (on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst personal doctor possible and 10 is the best personal doctor) when asked "How would you rate your personal doctor?" (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Satisfaction with Specialist	The percentage of members responding 8, 9, or 10 (on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst specialist possible and 10 is the best specialist) when asked "How would you rate your specialist?" (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Plan	Board Certified Family Medicine	Board Certified Internal Medicine	Board Certified OB/GYN	Board Certified Pediatrics	Satisfaction with Provider Communication	Satisfaction with Personal Doctor	Satisfaction with Specialist
CDPHP	86 ▲	82 ▲	77	83	96	86	90 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	79 ▲	83 ▲	82	83 ▲	95	83	85
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	74	80	84	74 ▼	95	84	81
HIP (EmblemHealth)	76	75 ▼	71 ▼	75 ▼	93 ▼	78 ▼	78 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	77	80	70 ▼	81	97	83	84
Independent Health	84 ▲	71 ▼	81	83	96	83	88
MVP Health Care	80 ▲	74 ▼	77	80	98 ▲	89 ▲	81
Oxford Health Plans of New York	66 ▼	77	84 ▲	80	97	88	82
Univera Healthcare	75	78	84 ▲	76	94	79	90 ▲
Statewide Average	76	78	80	79	96	84	84
National Average	*	*	*	*	95	85	84

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Plan	Board Certified Family Medicine	Board Certified Internal Medicine	Board Certified OB/GYN	Board Certified Pediatrics	Satisfaction with Provider Communication	Satisfaction with Personal Doctor	Satisfaction with Specialist
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	81 ▲	80 ▲	81	86 ▲	94	83	82
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	86 ▲	82	77	83	97 ▲	87	85
CGLIC/CHLIC	72 ▼	79	79	79 ▼	96	85	86
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	78 ▲	83 ▲	82	82	96	87	87
GHI (EmblemHealth)	75	75 ▼	68 ▼	76 ▼	91 ▼	84	81
MVP Preferred PPO	80 ▲	74 ▼	77	80	95	86	84
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	66 ▼	77	84 ▲	80	96	83	84
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	68 ▼	78	85 ▲	82	96	86	84
Statewide Average	74	78	80	81	95	85	84
National Average	*	*	*	*	96	84	83

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Board Certification

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	Board Certified Family Medicine	Board Certified Internal Medicine	Board Certified OB/GYN	Board Certified Pediatrics
Affinity Health Plan	69 ▼	69 ▼	64 ▼	71 ▼
CDPHP	86 ▲	81	74	82
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	NV	66 ▼	72 ▼	66 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	74	80 ▲	84 ▲	74 ▼
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	84 ▲	83 ▲	80 ▲	86 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	74	75	71 ▼	75 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	78	76	74	81
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	74	81 ▲	82 ▲	83 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	80	77	79	87 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	84 ▲	71 ▼	81	83
MVP Health Care	82 ▲	74	75	76
MetroPlus Health Plan	55 ▼	66 ▼	46 ▼	63 ▼
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	93 ▲	84	73	89
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	69 ▼	78 ▲	84 ▲	82 ▲
WellCare of New York	74 ▼	75	65 ▼	74 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	77	74	81	75
MMC Statewide Average	77	76	76	79
National Average	*	*	*	*
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	Board Certified Family Medicine	Board Certified Internal Medicine	Board Certified OB/GYN	Board Certified Pediatrics
Amida Care	59 ▲	65	55 ▲	50
MetroPlus Health Plan	--	78 ▲	46	63 ▲
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	37 ▼	63	17 ▼	40 ▼
SNP Statewide Average	52	65	44	53

Legend

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- Sample size too small to report.
- NV** Plan submitted invalid data.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Provider Satisfaction

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)		
	Satisfaction with Provider Communication	Satisfaction with Personal Doctor	Satisfaction with Specialist
Affinity Health Plan	92	83	76
CDPHP	91	84 ▲	82
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	89	76	74
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	92	80	85
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	90	78	75
HIP (EmblemHealth)	91	79	74
HealthNow New York Inc.	92	77	86 ▲
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	89	80	79
Hudson Health Plan	93 ▲	83	85 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	89	80	82
MVP Health Care	93 ▲	80	83
MetroPlus Health Plan	87 ▼	74 ▼	76
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	87	81	83
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	91	80	77
WellCare of New York	87	81	79
YourCare Health Plan	94 ▲	78	78
MMC Statewide Average	91	80	80
National Average	91	80	80
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)		
	Satisfaction with Provider Communication	Satisfaction with Personal Doctor	Satisfaction with Specialist
Amida Care	93	87	74
MetroPlus Health Plan	95	91	74
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	95	88	76
SNP Statewide Average	94	89	75

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Notes

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This report also presents several indicators of members' satisfaction with the care they receive. These measures are from the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) survey, which assesses three areas of a member's health care experience: accessing care, interactions with healthcare providers, and interactions with the health plan.

Commercial data is from the CAHPS® 5.0H survey conducted in 2015 for adult commercial members who were enrolled in their health plan for at least 12 months. Members were asked to describe their experiences within the past 12 months. This data is collected annually and submitted to the Department by the health plans.

The NYSDOH sponsors a biennial CAHPS® survey for Medicaid adults enrolled for at least 6 months. Members were asked to describe their experiences in the past 6 months. Medicaid enrollees were last surveyed by the Department in late 2015 using the CAHPS® 5.0H survey. The data presented here are from that survey for adults only.

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Satisfaction with Access to Care and Health Plan for Adults	
Getting Care Needed	<p>The percentage of members responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if they received care they needed. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often was it easy to get the care, tests, or treatment you needed? 2. How often did you get an appointment to see a specialist as soon as you needed?
Getting Care Quickly	<p>The percentage of members responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if they received health services quickly. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When you needed care right away, how often did you get care as soon as you needed? 2. How often did you get an appointment for a check-up or routine care at a doctor's office or clinic as soon as you needed?
Claims Processing	<p>The percentage of members responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify how, in the last 12 months, their health plan handled claims. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often did your health plan handle your claims quickly? 2. How often did your health plan handle your claims correctly?

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Satisfaction with Access to Care for Adults (Continued)	
Plan Information on Cost	<p>The percentage of members responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 12 months, they looked for information about health care costs. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often were you able to find out from your health plan how much you would have to pay for a health care service or treatment? 2. How often were you able to find out from your health plan how much you would have to pay for specific prescription medicines?
Customer Service	<p>The percentage of members responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if they used their health plan's customer service. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often did your health plan's customer service give you the information or help you needed? 2. How often did your health plan's customer service staff treat you with courtesy and respect?
Rating of Health Plan	<p>The percentage of members responding 8, 9 or 10 on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst health plan possible and 10 is the best health plan possible. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p>
Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Adults	
Shared Decision Making	<p>The percentage of members responding "definitely yes" when asked a set of questions to identify if they made healthcare decisions with their doctor. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did you and a doctor or other health provider talk about the reasons you might want to take a medicine? 2. Did you and a doctor or other health provider talk about the reasons you might not want to take a medicine? 3. When you talked about starting or stopping a prescription medication, did a doctor or other health provider ask you what you thought was best for you?

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Adults (Continued)	
Care Coordination	The percentage who responded "usually" or "always" when asked how often their personal doctor seemed informed and up-to-date about care they received from other doctors or health providers. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Wellness Discussion	The percentage who responded "yes" when asked if they discussed with a doctor or other health care provider specific things they could do to prevent illness. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Rating of Overall Healthcare	The percentage of members responding 8, 9 or 10 on scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst healthcare possible and 10 is the best healthcare possible. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Getting Needed Counseling or Treatment	The percentage who responded "usually" or "always" when asked how often, in the past 6 months, it was easy to get counseling or treatment for a personal or family problem through their health plan. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Rating of Counseling or Treatment	The percentage of members responding 8, 9, or 10 on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst counseling or treatment possible and 10 is the best counseling or treatment possible. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Access to Care and Health Plan for Adults

Plan	Satisfaction with Access to Care		Satisfaction with Health Plan			
	Getting Care Needed	Getting Care Quickly	Claims Processing	Plan Information on Cost	Customer Service	Rating of Health Plan
CDPHP	92 ▲	91 ▲	95 ▲	68	94 ▲	79 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	82 ▼	77 ▼	74 ▼	51 ▼	78 ▼	42 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	91	87	91	71 ▲	95 ▲	64
HIP (EmblemHealth)	78 ▼	75 ▼	88	53 ▼	86	69
HealthNow New York Inc.	92 ▲	91 ▲	90	62	87	72 ▲
Independent Health	92 ▲	92 ▲	96 ▲	71 ▲	92	72 ▲
MVP Health Care	90	91 ▲	89	61	90	70 ▲
Oxford Health Plans of New York	90	83	82	58	83	57 ▼
Univera Healthcare	95 ▲	89	87	68	91	63
Statewide Average	89	86	88	63	89	65
National Average	86	85	87	*	88	64

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Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Adults

Plan	Shared Decision Making	Care Coordination	Wellness Discussion	Rating of Overall Healthcare
CDPHP	83	87	80	85 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	77	78	73	65 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	80	85	71	83 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	75	80	75	68 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	77	84	77	82 ▲
Independent Health	82	87	78	82 ▲
MVP Health Care	81	86	81	82 ▲
Oxford Health Plans of New York	73	84	75	69 ▼
Univera Healthcare	82	85	78	77
Statewide Average	79	84	77	77
National Average	*	*	*	77

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Access to Care and Health Plan for Adults

Plan	Satisfaction with Access to Care		Satisfaction with Health Plan			
	Getting Care Needed	Getting Care Quickly	Claims Processing	Plan Information on Cost	Customer Service	Rating of Health Plan
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	90	88	81	54	86	60
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	89	91 ▲	93 ▲	71 ▲	93 ▲	67
CGLIC/CHLIC	88	84	84	61	88	58
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	88	88	92 ▲	61	86	75 ▲
GHI (EmblemHealth)	86	79 ▼	83	52 ▼	80 ▼	66
MVP Preferred PPO	90	85	84	65	88	53 ▼
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	89	85	77	54	84	55 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	88	87	88	60	90	75 ▲
Statewide Average	88	86	85	60	87	64
National Average	88	86	88	*	88	60

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Adults

Plan	Shared Decision Making	Care Coordination	Wellness Discussion	Rating of Overall Healthcare
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	83	85	77	74
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	87 ▲	86	79 ▲	82
CGLIC/CHLIC	82	82	71	78
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	80	82	70	82
GHI (EmblemHealth)	75 ▼	80	75	76
MVP Preferred PPO	85	87	74	78
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	81	79	71	74
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	77 ▼	81	72	78
Statewide Average	81	83	74	78
National Average	*	*	*	77

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Access to Care and Health Plan for Adults

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)			
	Satisfaction with Access to Care		Satisfaction with Health Plan	
	Getting Care Needed	Getting Care Quickly	Customer Service	Rating of Health Plan
Affinity Health Plan	78	81	90 ▲	77
CDPHP	85 ▲	83	89 ▲	82 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	74 ▼	75	82	78
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	86 ▲	84 ▲	87	82 ▲
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	78	76	85	71 ▼
HIP (EmblemHealth)	76	75 ▼	83	69 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	83	88 ▲	84	75
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	77	78	80	78
Hudson Health Plan	84 ▲	83	88	79
Independent Health's MediSource	82	85 ▲	87	81 ▲
MVP Health Care	87 ▲	85 ▲	88	81 ▲
MetroPlus Health Plan	67 ▼	68 ▼	80	73
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	78	79	81	76
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	74 ▼	78	79	69 ▼
WellCare of New York	71 ▼	75 ▼	82	75
YourCare Health Plan	82	83	86	75
MMC Statewide Average	79	80	84	76
National Average	80	80	88	75
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)			
	Satisfaction with Access to Care		Satisfaction with Health Plan	
	Getting Care Needed	Getting Care Quickly	Customer Service	Rating of Health Plan
Amida Care	81	85	90	78
MetroPlus Health Plan	83	89	90	80
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	83	86	88	73 ▼
SNP Statewide Average	82	86	89	77

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Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Adults

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)					
	Shared Decision Making	Care Coordination	Wellness Discussion	Rating of Overall Healthcare	Getting Needed Counseling or Treatment	Rating of Counseling or Treatment
Affinity Health Plan	78	84	69	73	86 ▲	79 ▲
CDPHP	83	88 ▲	72	80 ▲	75	75 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	75	76	64	74	60 ▼	59
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	80	80	71	78	82	59
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	73 ▼	73 ▼	65	69 ▼	71	56
HIP (EmblemHealth)	83	80	72	70	69	57
HealthNow New York Inc.	84 ▲	80	69	78	87 ▲	68
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	80	78	65	77	63	57
Hudson Health Plan	76	81	68	78	77	67
Independent Health's MediSource	80	84	73	79 ▲	87 ▲	77 ▲
MVP Health Care	83	83	67	79 ▲	73	55
MetroPlus Health Plan	77	78	67	70 ▼	71	69
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	78	80	72	76	75	68
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	76	77	67	68 ▼	68	67
WellCare of New York	80	73	66	71	69	49
YourCare Health Plan	81	82	71	74	74	55
MMC Statewide Average	79	80	68	75	74	64
National Average	79	*	*	74	*	*
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)					
	Shared Decision Making	Care Coordination	Wellness Discussion	Rating of Overall Healthcare	Getting Needed Counseling or Treatment	Rating of Counseling or Treatment
Amida Care	85	84	85	74	75	62
MetroPlus Health Plan	83	89	84	77	84 ▲	64
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	81	88	84	78	76	64
SNP Statewide Average	83	87	84	77	79	63

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Notes

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This report presents several indicators of parents' satisfaction with the care their child received. These measures are from the CAHPS® survey, which assesses satisfaction with accessing care, experiences with healthcare providers, and the health plan. Plan results reflect combined CHP and Medicaid responses.

In 2014, NYSDOH sponsored a CAHPS® survey for children enrolled in Medicaid and Child Health Plus for at least six months. The children's CAHPS® survey asks parents about satisfaction with providers and services applicable to all children, and also asks questions about services often used by children with health care conditions or special needs. Measures included in the child CAHPS® regarding special needs are:

- Access to Specialized Services
- Family-Centered Care
- Coordination of Care for Children with Chronic Conditions

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Satisfaction with Access to Care for Children	
Getting Care Needed for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 6 months, their child received care they needed. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often was it easy to get appointments with specialists? 2. How often was it easy to get the care, tests, or treatment you thought your child needed through your health plan?
Getting Care Quickly for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 6 months, their child received health services quickly. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When your child needed care right away for an illness, injury, or condition, how often did your child get care as soon as you wanted? 2. Not counting the times your child needed health care right away, how often did your child get an appointment for health care as soon as you wanted?
Access to Specialized Services for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify, if, in the past 6 months, the child received the specialized services the child needed. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often was it easy to get special medical equipment or devices for your child? 2. How often was it easy to get physical, occupational, or speech therapy for your child? 3. How often was it easy to get emotional, developmental, or behavioral treatment or counseling for your child?

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Satisfaction with Access to Care for Children (Continued)	
Access to Prescription Medicines for Children	The percentage of parents responding "usually" or "always" when asked how often in the past 6 months, it was easy to get prescription medicines for their child through the child's health plan. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Satisfaction with Health Plan for Children	
Customer Service for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding "usually" or "always" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 6 months, they used their child's health plan's customer service. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often did your child's health plan's customer service give you the information or help you needed? 2. How often did your child's health plan's customer service staff treat you with courtesy and respect?
Rating of Health Plan for Children	The percentage of parents responding 8, 9 or 10 (on scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst health plan possible and 10 is the best health plan possible) what number would you use to rate your child's health plan. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)
Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Children	
Shared Decision Making for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding "yes" and "a lot" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 6 months, they made healthcare decisions with their child's doctor. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When you talked about your child starting or stopping a prescription medicine, how much did a doctor or other health provider talk about the reasons you might want your child to take a medicine? 2. When you talked about your child starting or stopping a prescription medicine, how much did a doctor or other health provider talk about the reasons you might not want your child to take a medicine? 3. When you talked about your child starting or stopping a prescription medicine, did a doctor or other health provider ask you what you thought was best for your child?

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Children (Continued)	
Coordination of Care for Children with Chronic Conditions	<p>The percentage of parents responding "yes" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 6 months, they received needed healthcare coordination with daycare, school, or other healthcare providers. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did you get the help you needed from your child's doctor or other health providers in contacting your child's school or daycare? 2. Did anyone from your child's health plan, doctor's office or clinic help you coordinate your child's care among different providers or health care services?
Rating of Overall Healthcare for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding 8, 9 or 10 (on scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst healthcare possible and 10 is the best healthcare possible) when asked what number would you use to rate all your child's health care in the last 6 months. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p>
Satisfaction with Providers for Children	
Satisfaction with Personal Doctor for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding 8, 9, or 10 (on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst personal doctor possible and 10 is the best personal doctor) when asked "How would you rate your child's personal doctor?" This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p>
Satisfaction with Specialist for Children	<p>The percentage of parents responding 8, 9, or 10 (on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst specialist possible and 10 is the best specialist possible) when asked "How would you rate the specialist your child sees most often?" This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p>
Satisfaction with Provider Communication for Children	<p>The percentage of parents who responded "usually" or "always" when asked how often their doctor listened to them carefully, explained things in a way they could understand, showed respect for what they had to say, and spent enough time with them. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p>
Family-Centered Care: Personal Doctor Who Knows Child	<p>The percentage of parents responding "yes" when asked a set of questions to identify if, in the last 6 months, their child's doctor knew about the child's and family's daily living needs. This measure was not collected for 2015 Medicaid; 2014 Medicaid data is presented in this report. The following questions are contained in this composite: (Medicaid/Child Health Plus)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did your child's personal doctor talk with you about how your child is feeling, growing, or behaving? 2. Does your child's personal doctor understand how the child's medical, behavioral, or other health conditions affect your child's day-to-day life? 3. Does your child's personal doctor understand how the child's medical, behavioral, or other health conditions affect your family's day-to-day life?

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Access to Care and Health Plan for Children

Plan	Satisfaction with Access to Care				Satisfaction with Health Plan	
	Getting Care Needed for Children **	Getting Care Quickly for Children **	Access to Specialized Services for Children **	Access to Prescription Medicines for Children **	Customer Service for Children **	Rating of Health Plan for Children **
Affinity Health Plan	79	84	68	91	84	86
CDPHP	89 ▲	91 ▲	81	94	82	87 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	76 ▼	82 ▼	69	88	85	82
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	87	91 ▲	79	94	87	86
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	83	92 ▲	80	90	77	82
HIP (EmblemHealth)	84	89	81	95 ▲	76	78 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	87	92 ▲	85 ▲	94	88	87 ▲
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	81	81 ▼	69	93	84	86 ▲
Hudson Health Plan	86	88	73	94	89 ▲	89 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	89 ▲	91 ▲	84 ▲	95 ▲	85	87 ▲
MVP Health Care	86	93 ▲	76	93	79	84
MetroPlus Health Plan	79	78 ▼	71	90	77	83
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	85	86	76	91	77	72 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	79	91 ▲	71	91	81	80
WellCare of New York	83	80 ▼	67	82 ▼	75 ▼	76 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	84	90	84 ▲	92	90 ▲	84
Statewide Average	83	87	76	92	82	83
National Average	*	*	*	*	*	*

Legend

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* No national average available.

** Rotated measure. Data is from 2014.

Notes

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Experience of Care for Children

Plan	Shared Decision Making for Children **	Coordination of Care for Children with Chronic Conditions **	Rating of Overall Healthcare for Children **
Affinity Health Plan	52	76	83
CDPHP	54	72	86
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	48	72	85
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	54	77	88
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	57	74	84
HIP (EmblemHealth)	49	76	84
HealthNow New York Inc.	58	80 ▲	90 ▲
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	50	70	83
Hudson Health Plan	55	74	88
Independent Health's MediSource	54	76	85
MVP Health Care	57	82 ▲	90 ▲
MetroPlus Health Plan	50	69	83
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	55	76	80 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	49	75	86
WellCare of New York	56	68	81 ▼
YourCare Health Plan	49	75	87
Statewide Average	53	74	85
National Average	*	*	*

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Satisfaction with Providers for Children

Plan	Satisfaction with Personal Doctor for Children **	Satisfaction with Specialist for Children **	Satisfaction with Provider Communication for Children **	Family-Centered Care: Personal Doctor Who Knows Child **
Affinity Health Plan	90	75	90	79 ▼
CDPHP	90	80	94	87
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	89	86	91	89
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	90	86	94	94 ▲
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	89	80	92	90
HIP (EmblemHealth)	91	74	93	88
HealthNow New York Inc.	90	84	95 ▲	91
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	89	78	90	81
Hudson Health Plan	91	85	93	88
Independent Health's MediSource	85 ▼	89 ▲	93	90
MVP Health Care	89	84	94	91
MetroPlus Health Plan	89	80	92	85
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	87	80	91	90
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	93 ▲	81	95 ▲	90
WellCare of New York	88	72	90 ▼	82
YourCare Health Plan	87	78	94	91
Statewide Average	89	81	93	88
National Average	*	*	*	*

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There are a number of conditions affecting women, which can lead to serious illness if not caught early. Breast and cervical cancers are serious health concerns, and early detection of these cancers greatly increases a woman's chance of survival. Mammograms and Pap tests are recommended for women in order to screen for these cancers. Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States. To prevent complications of this infection, such as infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), it is recommended that all sexually active women, ages 16 to 24 years, be screened for Chlamydia infection.

It is important for pregnant women to obtain early and regular prenatal care to increase the likelihood of healthy outcomes for themselves and their babies. All new mothers need post-partum care to ensure their body is healing and to receive appropriate services, including on-going family planning.

Risk-adjusted Low-Birthweight (LBW), Prenatal Care in the First Trimester, Late Pre-Term Deliveries, and Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Sections are calculated by the NYSDOH using birth data submitted by the health plans and the Department's Bureau of Health Informatics. These measures reflect results of perinatal care for women who had a live birth during 2014. Because of differences in the Vital Statistics birth files of New York City and the rest of the state, statewide comparisons cannot be made; separate results for New York City and Rest of State are presented in this report. For more information about the process used to match the plan birth file to the Vital Statistics files, or about the risk-adjustment methodologies used here, please refer to the Technical Notes in Section Ten.

Measure Descriptions

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Women's Preventive Care	
Breast Cancer Screening	The percentage of women, ages 50 to 74 years, who had a mammogram anytime on or between October 1 two years prior to the measurement year and December 31 of the measurement year. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Cervical Cancer Screening	The percentage of women, ages 21 to 64 years, who had cervical cytology performed every 3 years or women, ages 30 to 64 years, who had cervical cytology/human papillomavirus (HPV) co-testing performed every 5 years. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Chlamydia Screening (Ages 16-24)	The percentage of sexually active young women, ages 16 to 24 years, who had at least one test for chlamydia during the measurement year. The measure is reported separately for ages 16 to 20 years and 21 to 24 years. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Timeliness of Prenatal Care	The percentage of women who gave birth in the last year who had a prenatal care visit in their first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment in their health plan. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Postpartum Care	The percentage of women who gave birth in the last year who had a postpartum care visit between 21 and 56 days after they gave birth. (Commercial HMO, Commercial PPO, Medicaid, HIV SNP)
Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care	The percentage of women who received 81 percent or more of the expected number of prenatal care visits, adjusted for gestational age and month the member enrolled in the health plan. (Medicaid, HIV SNP)

Measure	Description (Type of Insurance Product)
Perinatal Care	
Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	The percentage of women continuously enrolled for 10 or more months who delivered a live birth and had their first prenatal care visit in the first trimester of pregnancy.
Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW)	The percentage of live infants weighing less than 2500 grams among all deliveries by women continuously enrolled in a plan for 10 or more months.
Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery	The percentage of live infants born by cesarean delivery to women, continuously enrolled for 10 or more months, who had no prior cesarean deliveries.
Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)	The percentage of women continuously enrolled for 10 or more months who delivered a live birth vaginally after having had a prior cesarean delivery.

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Preventive Care for Women

Plan	Breast Cancer Screening	Cervical Cancer Screening	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 16-20)	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 21-24)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	Postpartum Care
CDPHP	80 ▲	85 ▲	63 ▲	70 ▲	93	83 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	69 ▼	71 ▼	51	61	87	68 ▼
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	77 ▲	80	43 ▼	52 ▼	92	85 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	74 ▲	79	77 ▲	80 ▲	80 ▼	64 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	76 ▲	81	55	61	98 ▲	93 ▲
Independent Health	75 ▲	79	54	62	97 ▲	90 ▲
MVP Health Care	74	75 ▼	48 ▼	60	82 ▼	70 ▼
Oxford Health Plans of New York	60 ▼	80	56 ▲	64 ▲	84 ▼	66 ▼
Univera Healthcare	76 ▲	79	49	54 ▼	97 ▲	91 ▲
Statewide Average	73	80	53	61	89	77
National Average	73	75	42	52	84	73

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Notes

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- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial HMO Health Plan Performance

Perinatal Health**

Plan	Plan represented in Rest of State			
	Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW) †	Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery †	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)
Aetna	95	4.1	27	--
CDPHP	87	2.9	18	7.3
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	87	5.5	25	--
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	90 ▲	3.9	17 ▲	12.5
HIP (EmblemHealth)	86	4.8	24	5.8
HealthNow New York Inc.	81 ▼	4.8	21	16.2
Independent Health	79 ▼	5.5	20	12.0
MVP Health Care	90	4.3	17	7.5
Oxford Health Plans of New York	90	4.6	23 ▼	10.7
Univera Healthcare	87	2.2	18	9.8
Regional Average	87	4.2	19	11.6
Statewide Average	87	4.7	20	12.5
Plan	Plan represented in NYC			
	Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW) †	Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery †	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)
Aetna	86	6.5	19	--
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HMO	90	9.0	18	--
HIP (EmblemHealth)	87	6.0	23 ▼	13.5
Oxford Health Plans of New York	88	5.9	19	18.9
Regional Average	87	6.1	21	15.7
Statewide Average	87	4.7	20	12.5

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Notes

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Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Preventive Care for Women

Plan	Breast Cancer Screening	Cervical Cancer Screening	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 16-20)	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 21-24)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	Postpartum Care
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	69 ▲	79 ▲	56 ▼	65 ▼	82 ▼	68
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	76 ▲	82	58	64 ▼	95 ▲	85 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	70 ▲	80 ▲	58 ▼	68	91 ▲	74 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	68 ▲	76	62 ▲	68	90 ▲	72
GHI (EmblemHealth)	64	70 ▼	61	67	80 ▼	52 ▼
MVP Preferred PPO	71 ▲	74 ▼	51 ▼	60 ▼	NV	NV
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	66	84 ▲	52 ▼	64 ▼	85	61 ▼
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	63 ▼	77	62 ▲	70 ▲	84	66
Statewide Average	66	78	60	68	86	69
National Average	70	72	38	48	75	63

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Notes

- Data for Excellus Bluecross Blueshield PPO, HealthNow PPO, and Univera PPO are reported as a combination of PPO and HMO membership. Results are contained in the Commercial HMO pages.
- Plans without symbols are consistent with the **statewide** average.
- National averages are taken from the State of Healthcare Quality (SOHQ) 2016 Report from the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\)](#).

Commercial PPO Health Plan Performance

Perinatal Health**

Plan	Plan represented in Rest of State			
	Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW) †	Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery †	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	90	4.5	24	5.8
CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.	87	4.1	19 ▲	14.6 ▲
CGLIC/CHLIC	90	5.0	21	10.3
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	89	4.9	26 ▼	7.1
GHI (EmblemHealth)	85	4.2	20	8.7
HIP (EmblemHealth)	--	--	--	--
MVP Preferred PPO	88	5.5	20	15.3
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	89	4.5	21	7.6
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	89	4.7	24	9.3
Regional Average	89	4.7	23	8.5
Statewide Average	88	4.9	22	9.9
Plan	Plan represented in NYC			
	Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW) †	Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery †	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)
Aetna Life Insurance Company - New York	88	5.2	21	11.3
CGLIC/CHLIC	89	3.4	21	12.8
Empire BlueCross BlueShield PPO	87	4.9	20	8.7
GHI (EmblemHealth)	84	4.1	24	19.1
HIP (EmblemHealth)	--	--	--	--
Oxford Health Insurance of New York	88	6.3	20	12.4
UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company of New York, Inc.	88	5.1	21	12.2
Regional Average	88	5.1	21	11.4
Statewide Average	88	4.9	22	9.9

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Notes

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• Plans without symbols are consistent with the statewide average.

Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Preventive Care for Women

Plan	Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMC)						
	Breast Cancer Screening	Cervical Cancer Screening	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 16-20)	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 21-24)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	Postpartum Care	Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care
Affinity Health Plan	69 ▼	73	76 ▲	77	NV	NV	NV
CDPHP	62 ▼	72	62 ▼	71 ▼	91	69	73 ▲
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	73 ▲	76	75 ▲	78 ▲	87	74 ▲	65
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	67 ▼	69	54 ▼	68 ▼	89	65 ▼	71
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	72	73	69 ▼	73 ▼	91 ▲	71	73 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	68 ▼	70	74 ▲	75	77 ▼	60 ▼	53 ▼
HealthNow New York Inc.	57 ▼	69	59 ▼	66 ▼	87	67	68
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	76 ▲	78 ▲	80 ▲	80 ▲	88	68	68
Hudson Health Plan	71	66 ▼	67 ▼	74	92 ▲	75 ▲	77 ▲
Independent Health's MediSource	62 ▼	70	68 ▼	73	88	67	61 ▼
MVP Health Care	67	65 ▼	61 ▼	77	83 ▼	63 ▼	52 ▼
MetroPlus Health Plan	73 ▲	70	79 ▲	78 ▲	89	75 ▲	73 ▲
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	70	71	67 ▼	75	82 ▼	66	63
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	67 ▼	74	64 ▼	70 ▼	84	70	57 ▼
WellCare of New York	69 ▼	73	77 ▲	78	85	70	72
YourCare Health Plan	62 ▼	61 ▼	65 ▼	69 ▼	64 ▼	52 ▼	39 ▼
MMC Statewide Average	71	73	72	75	88	70	68
National Average	59	56	52	61	80	61	57
Plan	HIV Special Needs Plans (SNP)						
	Breast Cancer Screening	Cervical Cancer Screening	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 16-20)	Chlamydia Screening (Ages 21-24)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	Postpartum Care	Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care
Amida Care	66	76	--	--	--	--	--
MetroPlus Health Plan	74 ▲	84 ▲	74	90	--	--	--
VNSNY Choice Health Plans	66	75	--	--	--	--	--
SNP Statewide Average	69	78	75	87	--	--	--

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Medicaid Health Plan Performance

Perinatal Health**

Plan	Plan represented in Rest of State			
	Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW) †	Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery †	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)
Affinity Health Plan	71	7.8	15	10.8
CDPHP	72	5.1	11	11.7
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	74	6.6	10	9.4
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield	76 ▲	5.6	10 ▲	18.3 ▲
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	73	6.6	13	15.4 ▲
HIP (EmblemHealth)	75	8.6	17	5.3
HealthNow New York Inc.	73	7.3	14	10.4
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	74	9.8 ▼	16	6.9
Hudson Health Plan	72	7.5	16	10.0
Independent Health's MediSource	75	7.0	14	11.1
MVP Health Care	78	5.8	12	25.4
Total Care, a Today's Options of New York Health Plan	68	9.0	9	19.6
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	76	8.1	15	7.1 ▼
WellCare of New York	75	3.9	13	--
YourCare Health Plan	75	8.2	12	11.9
Regional Average	74	6.8	13	13.2
Statewide Average	74	6.3	14	15.7
Plan	Plan represented in NYC			
	Prenatal Care in the First Trimester	Risk-Adjusted Low Birthweight (LBW) †	Risk-Adjusted Primary Cesarean Delivery †	Vaginal Birth After Cesarean Section (VBAC)
Affinity Health Plan	69 ▼	6.1	14	13.2
Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus	79 ▲	5.6	16 ▼	10.9 ▼
Fidelis Care New York, Inc.	76 ▲	5.8	15	20.0
HIP (EmblemHealth)	77	6.1	16	14.8
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc.	74	5.8	14	15.6
MetroPlus Health Plan	63 ▼	6.4	13	16.6
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	82 ▲	5.5	13 ▲	37.0 ▲
WellCare of New York	69	5.5	16	19.5
Regional Average	75	5.9	15	17.8
Statewide Average	74	6.3	14	15.7

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Notes

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INTERPRETING THE MEASURES

Plan-specific Rates

The rates reported as part of the 2016 Health Plan Comparison Report are displayed as rates per 100 enrollees (percentages). To calculate a plan's rate for a measure, the numerator is divided by the denominator and then multiplied by 100. Plan-specific data are excluded from the tables as a result of any of the following methodological limitations:

- The denominator is less than 30, resulting in an unreliable rate. Please note that even though the plan's sample is too small to report individually, the plan's data are included in the statewide average.
- No enrollee could meet the eligibility requirements (such as continuous enrollment).
- Data are determined to be Not Valid (NV). Invalid data are removed from the statewide calculation.

Diabetes Composite Measures

NYSDOH calculates several measures of diabetes care using member-level data submitted by the health plans as part of the QARR data set. The member-level file consists of a subset of QARR measures and includes all members who were eligible for at least one of the specified measures. The file contains the member's Medicaid ID number, the health plan ID number and an indicator (yes/no) of whether the member was eligible for a measure and if so, whether the member was numerator compliant for that measure. In addition to the ability to link members to outside data sets (Medicaid enrollment files, CAHPS® response sets, Medicaid claims), this data set allows the NYSDOH to generate composite measures of diabetes care. Diabetes composite measures were calculated for both the screening and control measures in the Comprehensive Diabetes Care suite of measures.

Screening composites were calculated as the number of tests each individual had in the measurement year based on the indicators reported in the member-level file. The Received All Tests measure reported here represents the percentage of eligible members who had screening tests for HbA1c levels, cholesterol levels, a dilated retinal eye exam, and nephropathy monitoring. The Diabetes Outcome composites were calculated as the number of outcomes where the member met the benchmark. The outcome composite presented here is the percentage of members whose most recent HbA1c levels were at or below 9.0 percent and whose levels of bad cholesterol were in control (LDL-C <100 mg/dL).

PERINATAL CARE

NYSDOH calculates several measures for perinatal care using data submitted by the health plans and data contained in the Department's Vital Statistics (VS) birth file. The data are put through a matching process prior to calculation of the measures. In 2004, data elements on the VS file were modified. Because not all data elements were captured by the New York City VS birth file, two different risk-adjusted low birthweight (LBW) models were developed. Results from New York City (NYC) and Rest of State (ROS) are separate and cannot be compared.

Risk-Adjustment Factors

Health events, such as low birthweight (LBW) births and cesarean deliveries, do not occur randomly across all plans. In addition, certain risk factors, such as maternal age or education, may be disproportionate across plans and beyond the plans' control. Risk adjustment is used because it removes or reduces the effects of confounding factors that may influence a plan's rate. Therefore, risk-adjusted rates account for patient factors that strongly influence the outcome, thereby allowing for a fairer comparison among the plans. These data reflect the removal of multiple births and include only women who were continuously enrolled in a plan for 10 months, allowing for a one-month gap in service.

Low Birthweight (LBW) Methodology

To compute the risk-adjusted LBW rates, a logistic regression model was developed. The model predicted a binary response for LBW, i.e., all births were designated as either “LBW” or “not LBW” (<2,500 grams). The independent variables used in the methodology are described in the following table.

Independent Variables	Values
Maternal Age	Less than 19 years 20-29 years 30 years and over
Education	Less than high school High school Any college
Alcohol Use	Yes/No
Illicit Drug Use	Yes/No
Tobacco Use	Yes/No
Level of prenatal care as defined by a modified Kessner index	Intense Adequate Intermediate Inadequate No care Unknown
Race/Ethnicity	Black Hispanic Other White
Parity	No previous live births 1-2 previous live births 3-4 previous live births 5 or more previous live births
Maternal medical risk factors	Yes/No
Hospitalized during this pregnancy	Yes/No
Previous pre-term delivery	Yes/No
Previous low birthweight	Yes/No
Nationality	Born in United States or Puerto Rico Born in Rest of World
Marital status	Yes/No
Poor pregnancy outcome	Yes/No
Vaginal bleeding	Yes/No
Pre-labor referral for high risk	Yes/No
Problems with gums during pregnancy	Yes/No
Aid Category *Medicaid Models only	TANF SSI FHP

Primary Cesarean Section (PCS) Methodology

To compute the risk-adjusted PCS rates, a logistic regression model was developed. The model predicted a binary response for PCS, i.e., all births were designated as either “PCS” or “not PCS.” The independent variables used in the methodology are described in the following table.

Independent Variables	Values
Maternal Age	Less than 19 years 20-29 years 30 years and over
Education	Less than high school High school Any college
Diagnosis of Diabetes	Yes/No
Diagnosis of gestational diabetes	Yes/No
Diagnosis of pre-existing hypertension	Yes/No
Diagnosis of pregnancy-related hypertension	Yes/No
Birthweight greater than 4,000g	Yes/No
Birthweight between 500g and 1,500g	Yes/No
Race/Ethnicity	Black Hispanic Other White
Parity	No previous live births 1 or more previous live births
Resident of New York City	Yes/No
Presence of infection	Yes/No
Breech presentation	Yes/No
Pre-pregnancy Body Mass Index (BMI)	Underweight Normal weight Overweight Obese
Medicaid Aid Category *Medicaid Models only	ADC Safety Net MA SSI FHP
Eclampsia	Yes/No
Abruption placenta	Yes/No
Weeks gestation of pregnancy	Less than 33 weeks 33-35 weeks 36-38 weeks 39 weeks or more

Limitations of the Risk-Adjusted Data

The expected LBW rate is the rate a plan would have if the plan's patient mix were identical to the patient mix of the state. The plan-specific, risk-adjusted rate is the ratio of observed to expected LBW rates multiplied by the overall statewide LBW rate.

The expected PCS rate is the rate a plan would have if the plan's patient mix were identical to the patient mix of the state. The plan-specific, risk-adjusted rate is the ratio of observed to expected PCS rates multiplied by the overall statewide PCS rate.