

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE
11**

**Percent of children with and without special
health care needs having a medical home**

GOAL

To increase the number of children with and without special health care needs who have a medical home

DEFINITION

Numerator:

Number of children with and without special health care needs, ages 0 through 17, who meet the criteria for having a medical home

Denominator:

Number of children and adolescents, ages 0 through 17

Units: 100

Text: Percent

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020
OBJECTIVE**

Related to Maternal, Infant, and Child Health (MICH) Objectives 30.1: Increase the proportion of children who have access to a medical home, (Baseline: 57.5%, Target: 63.3%) and 30.2: Increase the proportion of children with special health care needs who have access to a medical home. (Baseline: 49.8%, Target: 54.8%)

Related to Objective Maternal, Infant, and Child Health (MICH) Objective 31: Increase the proportion of children with special health care needs who receive their care in family-centered, comprehensive, coordinated systems. (Baseline: 20.4% for children aged 0-11, Target: 22.4%; Baseline: 13.8% for children aged 12 through 17, Target 15.2%)

**DATA SOURCES and DATA
ISSUES**

National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH)

MCH POPULATION DOMAIN

Children with Special Health Care Needs

SIGNIFICANCE

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) specifies seven qualities essential to medical home care: accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective. Ideally, medical home care is delivered within the context of a trusting and collaborative relationship between the child's family and a competent health professional familiar with the child and family and the child's health history. Providing comprehensive care to children in a medical home is the standard of pediatric practice. Research indicates that children with a stable and continuous source of health care are more likely to receive appropriate preventive care and immunizations, are less likely to be hospitalized for preventable conditions, and are more likely to be diagnosed early for chronic or disabling conditions. The Maternal and Child Health Bureau uses the AAP definition of medical home.