



Provider Engagement HEDIS Best Practices and Monthly Topics

Molina Healthcare of Michigan (MHM) – October 2025

Monthly Memo

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer awareness is recognized each October to raise awareness about the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care for breast cancer. According to the CDC, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. For many women, mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat. Mammograms can find cancer before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Visit the CDC website to know more about the symptoms women should look for. [Breast Cancer Awareness | Cancer | CDC](#).



National Dental Hygiene Month. National Dental Hygiene month is celebrated in October. Maintaining good oral hygiene offers many long-term benefits that go beyond just a beautiful smile. Some benefits are:

- Preventing Tooth Decay and Gum Disease
- Reducing Health Risks
- Improving Quality of Life
- Increasing Self-Confidence



Molina would like to remind our providers that Molina Medicaid adult members 21 years and older and all Healthy Michigan members have dental benefits to help members with their dental health. To learn more about the dental benefits, visit [Molina Michigan Medicaid Dental Plan | DentaQuest](#). To find a dentist near you, visit [Find a Healthcare Provider](#).

Additional Updates

Molina Breast Cancer Screening and Dental Exam event opportunity for our members. Molina is holding a Breast Cancer Screening and Dental Exam event. If you are interested in referring your members, they can contact (947) 218-0876 or (947) 622-2936 to schedule an appointment, as space is limited. Members are also eligible for a gift card when completing one or both services.

Where: Second Ebenezer Church. 14601 Dequindre, Detroit, Mi. 48212.

When: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

October is Health Literacy Month. According to the CDC, the definition of health literacy was updated to better reflect health literacy on both personal and organizational level. In which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. The new definition includes:

- Emphasize people's ability to use health information rather than just understand it.
- Focus on the ability to make well-informed decisions rather than appropriate ones.
- Acknowledge that organizations have a responsibility to address health literacy.
- Incorporate a public health perspective.

To learn more please visit the CDC link on [What Is Health Literacy? | Health Literacy | CDC](#).

October Focused Targets with Best Practices

Use appropriate billing codes to help capture targeted measures and reduce the need for chart reviews. Appropriate codes are available on the 2025 Molina HEDIS® Provider Manual.

Adult Access to Care

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- Educate patients 20 years and older about the importance of annual preventive care and ambulatory services.
- Utilize visits to address chronic illnesses and capture other services. For instance, adult vaccinations.

Adult Recommended Vaccines. Adults are not current on the recommended vaccines that can prevent severe illness, like, seasonal influenza, pneumonia etc. Vaccines are safe and can decrease severe illnesses, emergency visits, and inpatient hospitalization. The recommended adult vaccines are:

- **Influenza:** Adults at highest risk are those over 65 years old, chronic health conditions, elevated BMI, pregnant women.
- **RSV:** Recommended for 60-74 years old with chronic condition and over 75 years old.
- **Pneumonia:** Now recommended for adults over 50 years old and for certain adults under 50 at high risk of severe illness.
- **Shingles:** Recommended for all healthy adults 50 years and older.
- **COVID-19:** Annual vaccination age 18 and older.

Breast Cancer Screening

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- Educate patients about the importance of early detection and encourage testing. Patients should schedule well in advance to ensure that a mammogram can be completed by the end of the year.
- Utilize standing mammogram orders for patients within the age range for breast cancer screening.
- Assist patients in scheduling their mammogram or provide all facilities where a mammogram can be scheduled.
- If bilateral mastectomy was done, document it into the medical records and fax the chart notes to Molina Healthcare. Fax number (888) 336-6131.

Well Care Visits

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- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (included sick visits) to provide a well care visit, immunizations, lead screening and flu shot.
- Make a sport or day care physicals into well-care visits by performing the required services.