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MHS Health Wisconsin strives to provide quality healthcare to our membership as measured through HEDIS quality metrics. HEDIS is a set of standardized performance measures developed by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) which allows direct, objective comparison of quality across health plans.

The Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment (IET) is a HEDIS measure that looks at the percentage of adolescent and adult enrollees with a new episode of alcohol or other drug abuse (AODA) who receive the following:

Initiation of Treatment: The percentage of individuals who initiate treatment through an inpatient AODA admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient visit or partial hospitalization within 14 days of the diagnosis.

Engagement of AODA Treatment: The percentage of individuals who initiated treatment and who had two or more additional services with a diagnosis of AODA within 34 days of the initiation visit.

How can you help?



Screen for it! Please incorporate substance use questions or tools upon intake and upon yearly treatment plan review, at a minimum.



Document it! If substance abuse is identified, be sure to document it and code it on any claims submitted. When substance abuse is no longer a diagnosis be sure to remove the code from any claims submitted.



Follow up! When substance abuse is identified, it's very important to schedule appropriate follow-up treatment. For newly diagnosed patients, in particular, we ask that you schedule 3 follow-up appointments within the first 34 days. Increased intensity of contact in early stages of treatment will help to address the concerns as timely as possible and help to keep the patient connected and motivated for treatment.



Educate! It's important to educate patient on the effects of substance abuse. Substance abuse often coincides with other behavioral health problems, like major depression or anxiety disorders, which can make treating substance abuse or diagnosing a behavioral health disorder more difficult. In instances like these, referral to a behavioral health provider is prudent. MHS Health Wisconsin can help. **Call our Provider Inquiry Line at (800) 222-9831.**



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