

## Monitoring Follow Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication

UPMC Health Plan Behavioral Health Services monitors two indicators related to Follow Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication: Initiation and Continuation.

Initiation is defined as the percentage of members 6-12 years of age as of the first prescription episode start date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication, who had one follow-up visit with a practitioner with prescribing authority during the 30 day initiation phase. The 2007 Commercial HEDIS rate for Initiation is 45.28%, which is above the national 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of 33.68%.

Continuation is defined as the percentage of members 6-12 years of age as of the first prescription episode start date with an ambulatory prescription dispensed for ADHD medication, who remained on the medication for at least 210 days and who, in addition to the visit in the Initiation phase, had at least two follow up visits with a practitioner within 270 days (9 months) after the Initiation phase ended. The 2007 Commercial HEDIS rate for Continuation is 55.00%. No comparison numbers are available for Continuation.

UPMC Health Plan Behavioral Health Services will continue to monitor these indicators and make efforts to increase these rates.