

## Assessments for Children in ODHS Custody (DHS)

### Measure Basic Information

**Name and date of specifications used:** OHA developed these specifications based on requirements for physical, mental, and dental health assessments for children who enter ODHS custody. The required assessment windows are revised in MY2026 to more closely align with OAR 413-015-0465<sup>1</sup>, following the Health Care Standards published by American Academy for Pediatrics (AAP) and Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)<sup>2</sup>.

**URL of Specifications:** N/A

**Measure Type:** OHA-developed

**Measure Utility:** CCO Incentive

**Data Source:** MMIS/DSSURS and OR-KIDS

**Measurement Period:** Cases with **Assessment Period Start Date November 1, 2026 – October 31, 2027**

Note the cut-off date of **Assessment Period Start Date** is on October 31<sup>st</sup> so the health assessment period can occur by the end of the year.

*Table 1: Benchmark for OHA Measurement Year*

DHS	2025	2026	2027
Benchmark for OHA measurement year	93.2%	80.0%	TBD
Improvement target for OHA measurement year	MN method with 3 percentage point floor	MN method with 2 percentage point floor	TBD
Source:	MY 2022 CCO 75th percentile	Committee consensus	TBD

**Note on telehealth:** This measure is telehealth eligible as the qualifying numerator services do not require in-person place of service codes in claims data. For further information specific to Oregon, the Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) has provided this [guideline](#) on telehealth services.

**CCO coverage types:** CCOA; **CCO members without full CCOA (physical, mental and dental) coverage are not included in the measure.**

**Members with eligibility through General Assistance (PERC code GA, using state general fund) for the entire time during the required continuous enrollment period are reported separately and excluded**

<sup>1</sup> Link to OAR: [https://oregon.public.law/rules/oar\\_413-015-0465](https://oregon.public.law/rules/oar_413-015-0465)

<sup>2</sup> Link to Health Care Standards by AAP and CWLA: [https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/foster-care/health-care-standards/?srsltid=AfmBOorDnPnKNT4q-iOBRtX2z\\_dqNh9LAhHeLTppnqdKAJg2Szdpu3Xf](https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/foster-care/health-care-standards/?srsltid=AfmBOorDnPnKNT4q-iOBRtX2z_dqNh9LAhHeLTppnqdKAJg2Szdpu3Xf)

from the incentive quality rates. Note, CCOs are required to provide services to all members based on their enrolled coverage type, but regardless of the eligibility category.

Table 2: Claims used in the calculation

DHS	Only use claims from matching CCO	Denied claims included
Numerator assessments	N (all MMIS/DSSURS claims for the member are used, regardless of Open Card claims, or from other CCOs)	Y

**Changes in specifications from MY2026 to MY2027:**

- The measure begins to use the CCO enrollment effective date corresponding with the child’s entry to ODHS Custody (distributed to CCOs via the daily 834 files) as the date that starts the health assessment period.
- Changed the specifications to use Assessment Period Start Date instead of the First Notification Date, since the CCOs can identify new cases using the regular MMIS/834 enrollment update process and no longer relies on a separate notification file.
- Updated the Appendix to reflect the change of use for the daily OR-Kids notification files.

**Measure Details**

**Initial population:** Identified children/adolescents 0 – 17 years of age as of the **Assessment Period Start Date**. Include cases with an **Assessment Period Start Date** from November 1 of the year prior to the measurement year, to October 31 of the measurement year.

**Continuous custody and enrollment criteria:**

- All cases remain in ODHS custody and continuously enrolled with the CCO (for CCOA coverage) from the **Assessment Period Start Date** through 60 days after (61 total days) with no gaps in coverage, are included in the measure denominator.
- Cases that do not fully meet the 61-day continuous CCOA enrollment and ODHS custody criteria but qualify for denominator exception and meet all numerator criteria, are retained in the denominator. Cases qualify for denominator exception but do not meet all numerator criteria, are excluded. See the Denominator Exception section for more detail.

Whether a child ‘remained in custody’ is determined by Child Welfare discharge date or transfer of custody (such as OYA) in the OR-Kids data. If a CCO received information from ODHS for change of custody, the CCO should preserve communication records; OHA will review these records and determine exclusions from the metric on a case-by-case basis.

**Assessment Period Start Date definition:**

Starting MY2027, the first enrollment start date for a child newly entered ODHS custody is used as the **Assessment Period Start Date**. These include existing CCO members who newly entered ODHS custody,

or a child in ODHS custody for a recent episode and newly enrolled with the CCO. The new enrollment record appears in the 834 enrollment update will meet **all** of the following criteria:

- There is a new Foster Care Entry Date<sup>3</sup> (also known as the ODHS custody episode start date) within 30 days prior to the enrollment start date.
- The member has a Child Welfare-related eligibility PERC code 19 or GA.
- The child has CCOA (physical, mental and dental) coverage.

If there are enrollment gaps during the continuous enrollment period and result in multiple enrollment start dates during the assessment period, only the earliest one following the Foster Care Entry Date is used to determine the health assessment period.

Beginning in **?month (TBD)** of 2026, CCOs begin to receive a Foster Care Entry Date in the daily 834 enrollment file, which can be used together with the enrollment effective date to identify new cases that require a new round of health assessments. These cases will also appear with Child Welfare-related eligibility PERC codes 19 or GA. Since the 834 file is generated and distributed to notify the CCO about enrollment updates before or on the same day of the enrollment start date, the OHA considers the CCO is notified when the enrollment starts being effective.

OHA continues to distribute the daily OR-Kids reports to provide frequent updates of the ODHS local branch, caseworker, placement status and contact information. The CCO should utilize the daily report files for care coordination, but the legacy 'first notification date' in the daily OR-Kids report is no longer used for the measure calculation. The legacy weekly notification file is discontinued after the 834 notification method is effective.

OHA and ODHS launched a new weekly notification data layout on January 13, 2021 which included the key improvements:

- An 'Episode Start Date' (also known as the Foster Care Entry date, or ODHS Custody Entry Date) is provided in the notification file for the CCO to determine whether a new round of assessments is needed, i.e., a new denominator event is triggered for the measure. Assessments are required if the first notification date for the CCO is within 30 days of the latest Episode Start Date. Note that a child may have more than one unique ODHS custody episode in a year.
- Notified cases stay in the weekly files for 90 days so the CCO can receive updates on placement status changes through the assessment period.
- A 'First Notification Date' remains constant with the unique episode throughout the time the case stays in the report and there is a 'count of days with CCO' which helps the CCO to keep track of the assessment completion timeline. There are rare scenarios that could cause child to be dropped from the weekly notification file, then the First Notification Date would be restarted if they returned to the notifications; in this case, only the very first 'First Notification Date' of each unique episode is used to for the calculation to anchor the continuous enrollment and assessment period.

See Appendix for full detail of data fields in the new weekly notification file, including scenarios that could cause the First Notification Date to be restarted.

OHA continues to use the *weekly* CCO notification files as the main source for identifying denominator cases for the measure; the weekly files are normally generated on the Wednesday of the week and then

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<sup>3</sup> The field name for Foster Care Entry Date in 834 is TBD.

distributed to CCOs on Thursdays (see additional information in numerator period adjustment related to the notification file distribution lag).

OHA has also launched a daily notification file in October 2025 to provide more frequent updates for the children's placement and contact information, based on changes in OR-Kids. The new daily files share similar structure as the existing weekly file, with additional fields focusing on the caregiver information. Cases may appear in the daily file earlier than the weekly file, but OHA continues to use the First Notification Date in existing weekly file to anchor the assessment window for measure calculation.

The daily MMIS/834 enrollment files can provide supplemental information on changes in eligibility and enrollment for all children in ODHS custody within a CCO, but they are not the main source for identifying new cases that require assessments as of MY2025.

Note that OHA is in the process to add the ODHS custody episode start date to the 834 file, which will allow CCOs to identify whether the case is new and the assessments are needed, within the same file that the CCO regularly receive for new enrollees and eligibility changes. OHA's goal is for the 834 file to become the new timely and reliable way for notification on new cases, accompanied by the separate daily notification file for detail placement and contact information from OR-Kids for care coordination.

#### **Denominator exclusion:**

Custody cases will be automatically excluded from the final measure denominator for the following reasons:

- The child does not have a new CCOA coverage effective date with a Child Welfare-related eligibility PERC code, even if the CCO was informed by ODHS or another source when the child entered ODHS custody/substitute care.
- The child entered ODHS custody/substitute care (Foster Care Entry Date) more than 30 days prior to the first enrollment effective date with a Child Welfare-related PERC code<sup>4</sup>. i.e., a case is excluded if the First Notification Date to the CCO is more than 30 days after the Episode Start Date in the new weekly notification file.
- If a CCO is notified more than once for the same case of a child entering ODHS custody (more than on CCOA enrollment start date associated with the same Episode Start Foster Care Entry Date for a child on more than one weekly notification file), only the very first 'First Notification Date' documented in the weekly file CCOA enrollment start date is used, and the continuous enrollment and numerator assessment periods are calculated based on this date. Any other CCO notification dates for the same child and ODHS custody entry are excluded.

Custody cases may be excluded from the final measure denominator for the following reasons manually, with OHA review of supporting evidence:

- A child placed in a rehabilitation, residential treatment facility or in OYA detention is not an automatic exclusion, unless the placement is out of the service area for the CCO, or the local

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<sup>4</sup> Note: this signals that the case is not new to ODHS custody, therefore does not need new health assessments. The 834 files and the weekly-daily OR-Kids report include all ODHS custody children new to the CCO, but not necessarily new to ODHS custody or a foster care placement.

ODHS instructed the CCO to not follow up with the case. The CCO needs to preserve communication records for OHA review and determination.

**Denominator Exception:** Children meet any of the following criteria qualify for denominator exception:

- Children who are not continuously enrolled with the CCO from the **Assessment Period Start Date** through 60 days after (including Run Away status or any enrollment gaps and early disenrollment) but had at least 7 total days of enrollment with the CCO **for CCOA coverage**.
- Children who do not remain in ODHS custody from the **Assessment Period Start Date** through 60 days after (including custody transferred to OYA, permanent reunification or other scenarios that ends the ODHS custody early).
- Children who were already in ‘Trial Reunification’ before the **Assessment Period Start Date** or entered ‘Trial Reunification’ anytime from the **Assessment Period Start Date** through 60 days after.

Among the denominator exception cases, those that meet all numerator criteria are retained in the measure denominator (and the CCO receives the numerator credits).

Among the denominator exception cases, those that do not meet the numerator criteria are excluded from the denominator.

**Final denominator:** Initial population minus denominator exclusion, plus denominator exception cases that meet all numerator criteria, minus denominator exception cases that do not meet all numerator criteria.

**Numerator criteria:** Depending on age on the **Assessment Period Start Date**, members in the denominator are required to receive a physical health assessment (all ages 0-17) within 30 days of the **Assessment Period Start Date**, a dental health assessment (age 1-17) within 30 days, and a mental health assessment (age 3-17) within 60. All assessments completed within 30 days prior to the **Assessment Period Start Date** can also count, using all MMIS claims regardless of the payer for the visit.

If the child refused the assessment, the CCO can submit documentation from the ODHS case worker or the provider for numerator credit. Each type of assessment needs to be documented separately.

*Table 3: Required assessments for children entering ODHS custody*

<b>Age on <b>Assessment Period Start Date</b></b>	<b>Required assessments for children entering ODHS custody</b>		
	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Dental</b>	<b>Mental</b>
Less than 1 year old	YES	NO	NO
1 to 2 years old	YES	YES	NO
3 to 17 years old	YES	YES	YES
<b>Assessment window from the Period Start date</b>	-30 to +30 days	-30 to +30 days	-30 to +60 days

Note that due to the regular gap between the file-generation date (as the First Notification Date on the weekly notification files) and the distribution on the next day, OHA has allowed an additional one-day in numerator window since the MY2025 calculations. The physical and dental health assessment window in the calculation is -30 to +31 days of the First Notification Date and the mental health assessment window is -30 to +61 days of the First Notification Date. OHA will also allow additional days in the numerator window for unique distribution delay incidences.

Qualifying health assessments are identified by one of the following procedure codes:

Physical health assessment codes:

- Outpatient and office evaluation and management codes: 99202- 99205, 99212 – 99215
- Preventative visits: 99381 – 99384, 99391 – 99394
- Annual wellness visits: G0438, G0439
- If physical health assessments as indicated in these new patient E&M codes CPT 99201-99205 include qualifying mental health or child abuse/neglect diagnosis on the same claim (see code table below), they will count as both mental and physical health assessments. This is to reflect assessments provided by a psychiatric (nurse or physician) provider, but OHA does not apply a check of provider specialty in the calculation. Qualifying diagnosis codes include<sup>5</sup>:

Table 4: Qualifying diagnosis codes for mental health components in physical health assessment visit

Visits with CPT 99202 – 99205 can count as both physical and mental health assessments if paired with following diagnosis codes:	
Source	ICD-10CM Diagnosis (All diagnosis fields apply)
Mental Health Diagnosis Value Set	F03, F20 – F53, F59 – F69, F80 – F99 (total of 291 codes)
Diagnosis related to child abuse or neglect	T74.02xA, T74.02xD, T74.12xA, T74.12xD, T74.22xA, T74.32xA, T74.32xD, T74.22xD, T76.02xA, T76.02xD, T76.12xA, T76.12xD, T76.22xA, T76.22xD, T76.32xA, T76.32xD, T76.92xA, T76.92xD

Mental health assessment codes:

- Psychological assessment and intervention codes: 90791, 90792, 96130, 96131, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139, H0031, H1011
- Mental health assessment (by non-physician) and CANS assessment at the same visit: H2000-TG (modifier must be included)<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Qualifying diagnosis codes are based on the OHA Health Analytics Behavioral Health team review with Oregon’s Prioritized List and additional codes that may be picked up in deferred diagnosis situations.

<sup>6</sup> Only Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), psychologist and Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) qualify for performing mental health assessment and eligible for billing H2000-TG. Other providers such as Qualified Mental Health Associates (QMHA), case managers, or care coordinators do not qualify for performing mental health assessment and to use the modifier TG.

- Behavioral health; long-term residential (non-medical, non-acute care in a residential treatment program where stay is typically longer than 30 days): H0019<sup>7</sup>
- Psychiatric health facility service, per diem: H2013
- Community psychiatric supportive treatment program, per diem: H0037

Dental health assessment codes:

- Dental diagnostic codes (clinical oral evaluations): D0100-D0199

**Required exclusions for numerator:** N/A

**For more information:** The guidance document for this measure is available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/Pages/CCO-Metrics.aspx>

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<sup>7</sup> Use of this code counts as both mental and physical health assessment for children in PRTS.

## Appendix: Data Fields in **Revised CCO Weekly Daily OR-Kids Notification** Report for Children in ODHS Custody

	Column Name	Description	Notes
A	firstnotificationdate	The date that the child first appears on the report. To identify the first notification date used in the OHA metric calculation	A child can have a new “first” notification date if the child goes to Out of State (No Service Area Exception), Runaway or Detention and returns to a placement within the first 90 days of the foster care episode. <del>If a case first appears on different dates between the weekly notification and the daily files, the first notification date documented in the weekly file is prioritized for MY2025/MY2026 measure calculation.</del> This is legacy information no longer used in the measure calculation starting MY2027
B	CountOfDaysWithCCO	Report run date minus first notification date	<del>This is legacy information no longer used in the measure calculation starting MY2027</del>
C	newtoccoflag	Values can be Y, N, or N/A Y = Child is new to this CCO but not new to this report. Count of days with CCO is 0 days N = Child is not new to this CCO, has been on report previously for this CCO, Count of days with CCO is greater > 0 N/A = Child is new to this report. Count of days with CCO is 0 days.	<del>The count of days with CCO can start over if child is missing from the report for a week or more. This might be because they are returning after a status of Detention or Runaway or because their eligibility is being updated etc.</del> This is legacy information no longer used in the measure calculation starting MY2027
D	managedcareregion	The region the CCO is governed by	<a href="#">Codes can be found here</a>
E	mmisproviderid	The CCO Provider ID	
F	mmisprovidername	CCO the child is enrolled in	
G	eligibilityeffectivedate	The date the child's medical eligibility began	Not always the same date as foster care episode start date
H	primeid	The child's prime ID from OR-Kids	
I	lastcaseid	The child's OR-Kids case ID	
J	childid	The child's OR-Kids person ID	
K	lastname	The child's last name	
L	firstname	The child's first name	
M	dob	The child's date of birth	
N	gender	The child's gender (m/f)	
O	primaryracelabel	The child's primary race	
P	episodestartdate	The first day of the foster care episode	

Q	dayscepisodeopen	Run date minus Episode Start Date	
R	lastsvcstartdate	Current service the child is placed in	See tab called "List of Services"
S	lastservicedesc	The type of foster care placement the child is in	See tab called "List of Services"
T	cwcaretakerid	ID of current caretaker	If ID shows as 9999, it means child is on trial reunification
U	cwcaretakeridchangeflag	Values can be Y, N, or N/A Y = Child has new caretaker from previous report N = Child does not have new caretaker from previous report N/A = Child is new to this report so does not have new caretaker from previous report	
V	cwcaretakername	Name of current caretaker	Field will be blank for kids on trial reunification at home with their parents
W	street	Street address of child's current location	
X	city	City of child's current location	
Y	state	State of child's current location	
Z	zip	Zip of child's current location	
AA	phone	Phone number at child's current location	
AB	email	Email at child's current location	
AC	addressstartdate	Start date of current address	
AD	addresschangeflag	Values can be Y, N, or N/A Y = Child has new address from previous report N = Child does not have new address from previous report N/A = Child is new to this report so does not have new address from previous report	
AE	districtdesc	District of primary worker	<a href="#">District map can be found here</a>
AF	branchid	MMIS Branch code	
AG	rundate	Date that this report was run out of OR-Kids	
AH	CaretakerStreet	Street address of Caretaker's current location	
AI	CaretakerCity	City of Caretaker's current location	New in daily file
AJ	CaretakerState	State of Caretaker's current location	New in daily file
AK	CaretakerZip	Zip of Caretaker's current location	New in daily file
AL	CaretakerPhone	Caretaker's current phone number	New in daily file

AM	CaretakerEmail	Caretaker's current email	New in daily file
AN	CaretakerAddressStartDate	Start date of current Caretaker address	New in daily file

### Overview

The ~~weekly CCO daily OR-Kids Notification~~ report will provide timely **notification contact information** to the child’s enrolled Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) that the child has entered foster care and is enrolled in the named CCO. The child will appear on the report if both criteria are met: an open foster care placement and open eligibility/enrollment to a CCO. The child will remain on the report until the foster care placement has been open for ninety days or until disenrollment occurs (for reasons such as Out of State, Detention or Runaway Placement).

### Change Flags

If the child moves but remains with the same CCO, the report will update to the current address for the child. If the child moves and the CCO changes, the child’s info will update to reflect the new CCO name and child’s new address and create a new First Notification Date. A child’s address can change because the provider moved while the child remains with that provider, or the child moves to a new provider/placement. Many CCO’s upload their list into their own data systems, therefore change flags will be included to specify what changed from the prior day:

- Provider/Placement Change Flag (new provider/placement from prior day)
- Address Change Flag (new address from prior day)
- CCO Enrollment Change Flag (new CCO Provider ID from prior day)

### Non-Subcare Placement Rules

If a child goes on **Runaway** and a notification to ODHS Central Office staff occurs, a manual disenrollment will take place. Because this doesn’t always happen, the report will drop the child when the runaway placement is opened in ORKids, before MMIS disenrollment occurs. There are three runaway placements: Missing/Runaway (Cd 131), Missing/Abducted (Cd 1080), and Missing/Other (not known why child is missing) (Cd 1081). If the child returns to a foster care placement and enrollment to a CCO occurs prior to the foster care episode being open for ninety days, the child will re-appear with a new First Notification Date, whether the CCO has changed or not.

If a child goes to **Detention** (Cd 134) and a notification to ODHS Central Office staff occurs, a manual disenrollment will take place. Because this doesn’t always happen, the report will drop

the child when the detention placement is opened in ORKids, before MMIS disenrollment occurs. If the child returns to a foster care placement and enrollment to a CCO occurs prior to the foster care episode being open for ninety days, the child will re-appear with a new First Notification Date, whether the CCO has changed or not.

If a child is placed **Out of State** (County Code 999 in MMIS) with no SAE Exception (child is not in placement Cd 133: Child Placed in Mental Health Facility) auto-disenrollment will occur. If the child returns to a foster care placement and enrollment to a CCO occurs prior to the foster care episode being open for ninety days, the child will re-appear with a new First Notification Date, whether the CCO has changed or not.

If a child is in an **OYA Placement** (Cd 1083: OYA Paid Placement – Foster Care or Cd 1084: OYA Paid Placement - Residential) the child will remain on the report and the Count of Days with the CCO will continue. (No new First Notification Date)

If a child is on **Trial Reunification** (Cd 1030) the child will remain on the report and the Count of Days with the CCO will continue. (No new First Notification Date)