

OUR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Striving for Excellence

First ChoiceSM by Select Health of South Carolina's Quality Improvement program strives for excellence in clinical and service areas important to our provider network and our members. Each year, we evaluate areas of and means for improvement.

MEMBER EXPERIENCE IS A PRIORITY

We thank our providers for your partnership in our efforts to improve First Choice member experiences. The Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS[®]) survey results are used to identify areas in which our plan can continue to improve member experience. The child survey is sent annually to parents or guardians of our pediatric plan members. A separate survey is sent annually to our adult members.

In our 2021 CAHPS child survey:

- **97%** of parents or guardians were pleased with how well their child's personal doctor communicated and listened.
- **93%** said they received care quickly.
- **92%** of parents or guardians said personal doctors and their staff provided needed information or help with courtesy and respect.

From the 2021 **child** survey, key measures we will work with providers to improve are:

- **Shared decision making: 78%** felt they were involved in shared decision making.
- **Health promotion and education: 74%** felt they received information and education promoting a healthy lifestyle.
- **Care coordination: 85%** felt their child's personal doctor was informed and up to date about the care they received from other doctors or other health providers.

In our 2021 **adult** survey:

- **87%** felt they were provided the care or treatment their child needed.
- **83%** felt their personal doctor was informed and up to date about the care they received from other doctors or other health providers (care coordination).

From the 2021 **adult** survey, we also found measures we can work to improve:

- **80%** of our members said they were able to get an appointment with a specialist as soon as needed.
- **72%** of members were pleased with their personal doctor.
- **73%** of members were pleased with First Choice as their health plan.

In 2022, we will continue to collaborate with providers to improve our CAHPS scores.



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RECOMMENDED PATIENT EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENT TIPS¹

- Enable and encourage patients to play a role in medical decisions that affect their health.
 - Provide easy-to-understand information to encourage participation in the decision making process so patients can ask informed questions and express personal values about their treatment options.
 - Consider the patient's goals and preferences as a guide to recommendations and treatments.
- Direct patients to useful and reliable sources of information on the internet to help address the demand for immediate information and to reinforce the relationship of trust. While not intended to be a substitute for direct communication with personal doctors or primary care providers, this is a useful way to augment information sources, especially when direct access to the clinician is not possible.
 - Expand your website to include health information and relevant tools.
 - Inform patients about reliable external sites during office visits, in printed material, through the patient portal, or emails.
- Streamline your process for coordinating care and receiving updates on care delivered when referring patients to specialists.
 - Assist patients with appointment scheduling with specialists and other ancillary providers.
 - Communicate expectations for updates to specialists or ancillary providers via fax, mail, or electronic health records.
 - Review consultation reports with patients, parents, or guardians when they return for a follow-up visit.
 - Ask for feedback on the visit with the specialist from the patient, parent, or guardian and if they have any questions.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to continuously improve care for our members. The 2021 CAHPS survey results are provided in the chart below. The CAHPS survey results and HEDIS quality measures data are also available on our website at www.selecthealthofsc.com/pdf/corporate/hedis-quality-data.pdf.

Do you have questions? Email us at value@selecthealthofsc.com.

1. "The CAHPS Ambulatory Care Improvement Guide," Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality, <https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/cahps/quality-improvement/improvement-guide/cahps-ambulatory-care-guide-full.pdf>

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- **Select Health Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline**
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South Carolina Division of Program Integrity Fraud and Abuse Hotline:

- Phone: **1-888-364-3224**
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CHILD CAHPS® RESULTS

CAHPS Medicaid Child Category	2020 Select Health CAHPS Results	2021 Select Health CAHPS Results	2020 Child CAHPS Quality Compass 75th Percentile
Composite Measures			
Getting Care Quickly	90.8%	92.5%	90.5%
How Well Doctors Communicate	97.5%	96.7%	95.3%
Getting Needed Care	93.3%	86.6%	86.0%
Customer Service	89.4%	91.9%	88.8%
Overall Rating Measures			
Rating of Health Care	80.2%	79.2%	71.9%
Rating of Personal Doctor	78.9%	85.0%	78.6%
Rating of Specialist	79.7%	77.5%	73.4%
Rating of Health Plan	80.4%	81.8%	71.9%

ADULT CAHPS® RESULTS

CAHPS Medicaid Adult Category	2020 Select Health CAHPS Results	2021 Select Health CAHPS Results	2020 Adult CAHPS Quality Compass 75th Percentile
Composite Measures			
Getting Care Quickly	81.7%	88.4%	82.3%
How Well Doctors Communicate	93.4%	94.8%	93.2%
Getting Needed Care	86.4%	84.8%	83.0%
Customer Service	90.4%	92.8%	89.3%
Overall Rating Measures			
Rating of Health Care	60.2%	65.4%	57.7%
Rating of Personal Doctor	73.0%	72.4%	69.2%
Rating of Specialist Seen Most Often	74.4%	72.1%	69.5%
Rating of Health Plan	67.4%	73.3%	62.2%
HEDIS® Measures			
Flu Vaccinations for Adults 18 – 64	46.4%	39.1%	43.8%
Doctor Advised Smokers or Tobacco Users to Quit	80.4%	80.6%	77.2%
Doctor Talked About Medicines to Help Quit Smoking	52.1%	53.9%	54.5%
Doctor Talked About Ways to Quit Smoking	43.9%	45.8%	48.7%