2025 Child-Level Metric on Issue-Focused Interventions Addressing Young Children's Social-Emotional Health: Overview for Integrated Behavioral Health Clinicians in Primary Care Settings

Background: Social-emotional health is the developing capacity of a child to form close and secure relationships with their primary caregivers and other adults and peers; to experience, manage, and express a full range of emotions; and to explore the environment and learn, all in the context of family, community, and culture. **The System-Level Social-Emotional Health Metric** was in the Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) Incentive Metric set from 2022 through this year (2024). This system-level metric is focused on driving improvements in CCO-covered social-emotional services for children from birth to age five and their families, with the ultimate goal of achieving equitable access to services that support social-emotional health and are the best match for their needs.

Now: Child-Level Social-Emotional Health Metric Included in the 2025 CCO Incentive Metric Set. In alignment with the glidepath endorsed by the Health Plan Quality Metrics and Metrics and Scoring Committees, the System-Level Social-Emotional Health Metric is being replaced in 2025 by the Child-Level Social-Emotional Health Metric that will measure and incentivize improvements specifically focused on a breadth of services (from brief education to therapeutic services) for children with social-emotional health issues. These issue-focused intervention services can be provided in an array of settings that the CCO contracts with, in order to fulfill their role of providing recommended behavioral health care. Integrated behavioral health within primary care is one of those settings in which these services can be provided.

Metric Properties (Specifications can be found here):

Numerator: Children who received **issue focused intervention/treatment services** that were billed to the Coordinated Care Organization

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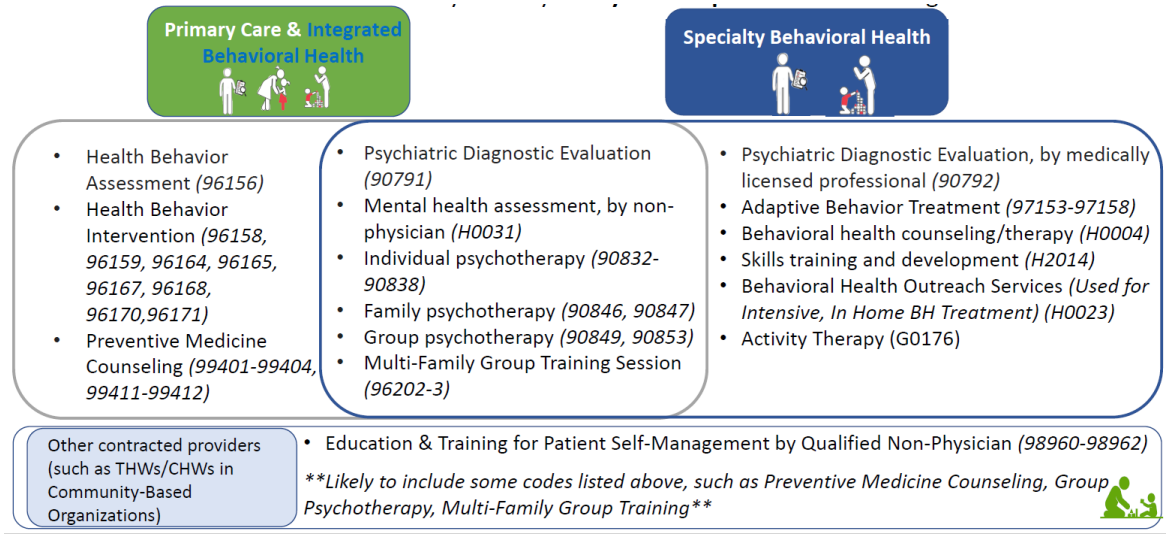
Denominator:

Children ages 1-5 who are covered by Oregon Health Plan and enrolled in the Coordinated Care Organizations for 12 months, allowing for a 45-day break

Specific Claims Included in the Metric: (Please note, the CCO specifications for the metric do NOT require any specific diagnostic pairing or provider type.)