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Excelling on CAHPS: Lessons from Top-Performing Medicaid and CHIP Health Plans

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CAHPS Webcast Series

- Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Program
 - Funded primarily by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - Develops standardized surveys and related products, including the CAHPS Database
- CAHPS Surveys
 - Assess patients' experiences with care
 - Developed for both ambulatory and facility-based care



CAHPS Family of Surveys



Facility Surveys

Hospital In-Center Hemodialysis Nursing Home

Ambulatory Care Surveys

Clinician & Group (CG-CAHPS) Health Plan

Surgical Care ECHO[®] (Behavioral health) Dental Plan American Indian Home Health Care





Our Focus Today

Highlight success stories from Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) plans to help answer:

What does it take to achieve scores above the 80th percentile on **all** CAHPS Health Plan Survey core composite and rating measures?



Today's Speakers



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CAHPS Health Plan Survey

Core composite measures:

- Getting Needed Care
- Getting Care Quickly
- How Well Doctors
 Communicate
- Health Plan Information
 and Customer Service

Rating questions:

- Personal Doctor
- Specialist
- Health Care
- Health Plan



CAHPS Comparison Data

- CAHPS comparison scores come from the CAHPS Database
 - Free service open on a voluntary basis to all users of the CAHPS Health Plan and CG-CAHPS Surveys
- Comparative results are available through:
 - Online Reporting System
 - Annual Chartbooks
 - Research data files



Presentation format for Medicaid and CHIP Plan Success Stories

- Brief organization description
- Snapshot of CAHPS score comparisons
- How CAHPS is used
- Key factors contributing to high performance
- Overcoming barriers
- Plans for sustainability
- Take-home points for Medicaid and CHIP plans

