

State of Health in the Inland Empire Ages 0-5



The first five years of a child’s life are crucial for their development, health and overall well-being. That is why wellness appointments, development screenings and vaccinations in the first 12 months and subsequent years is critical for young children and their families.

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) member data indicates that various populations in the IE are not receiving timely well-child care and immunizations. Many factors contribute to children not receiving essential care early on, including lack of transportation, gap in health care coverage for newborn if not enrolled in time, the high number of visits within the first 30 months and the unclear value of well-child visits if the child seems healthy.



Data Share: Quality Metrics from IEHP

The following are child-health quality measures IEHP tracks on an annual basis for children at various ages. The measures that haven’t been met are now priority areas for IEHP and to maximize resources to the area to improve these outcomes.

Measure	Measure Description	MY 2023 MPL	MPL Status
Well-Child Visits in the First 15 months of life	Children who turned 15 months old during the measurement year: Six or more well-child visits	58.38%	MET
Well-Child Visits 15-30 months	Children who turned 30 months old during the measurement year: Two or more well-child visits	66.76%	MET
Child & Adolescent Well-Care Visits	The percentage of members 3–21 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.	48.07%	MET
Topical Fluoride in Children	Members ages 1 to less than 21 years of age who received at least two fluoride applications as dental or oral health services during the reporting year – at least two unique dates of service when topical fluoride was provided	19.30%	MET
Lead Screening in Children	The percentage of children 2 years of age who had one or more capillary or venous lead blood test for lead poisoning by their second birthday	62.79%	NOT MET
Childhood Immunization Status – Combo 10	The percentage of children 2 years of age who received all combination-10 recommended vaccines by their second birthday (24 total doses)	30.90%	NOT MET








MPL: Minimum Performance Level for Medi-Cal managed care plans as defined by DHCS Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS). MY = measurement year

There are ongoing initiatives across Riverside and San Bernardino counties to boost childhood immunizations and enhance clinical care for infants and children. Additionally, community-based organizations of all types can play a significant role in promoting healthy lives from the beginning of life.

Igniting Healthy Lives from the Start



If your organization serves families with children ages 0-5, you can share vital information and resources to help your clients and community to ensure that all children have a healthy life from the start:

-  Discuss the importance of well-baby visits in the first 15 months.
-  Talk about the significance of annual well-visits and development screenings to identify physical or behavioral health conditions within the first five years.
-  Explain the importance of ASQ developmental screenings and meeting milestones.
-  Promote annual flu vaccines and explain why getting an annual flu vaccination for children six months and older is beneficial for their health.
-  Share resources from partners such as First 5 San Bernardino & Riverside, IEHP and Help Me Grow Inland Empire.
-  Promote how routine dental care and brushing with fluoride is critical for overall health and wellbeing.
-  Join a local coalition to help advance children's health and access to care in the Inland Empire such as the Children's Cabinet or Help Me Grow Inland Empire.

Scan for a list of local resources and coalitions.

