

Pediatric Modifier 2026

Overview, metrics, and shared savings details for pediatric modifier

Overview

The Pediatric Modifier has been reviewed and approved by the Pediatric Clinical Advisory Committee. Your practices' overall performance on VHAN contracted metrics and distribution methods will be multiplied by this modifier, resulting in full Shared Savings distribution, or a reduced distribution for performance less than 100%. All money earned by the Pediatric Region is distributed to pediatric practices.

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Champion Call Participation

Overview	Each practice should designate a network Clinical Champion and Administrative Champion. These Champions will be the contacts for communication between the practice and VHAN, responsible for informing all members of the practice about VHAN services and support and relaying practice questions and suggestions to VHAN.
Patients Included	N/A
Call Details	<p>Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:</p> <p>You can also dial-in using your phone. United States: 1+615-601-3460 Phone Conference ID: See below</p> <p>Use the link provided in the chat box to complete attendance. If you are new to champion calls and do not have access to SmartSheet, which is the format we use to track attendance, please let Beverly know so access can be provided.</p> <p>Tuesday, February 17, 2026 Phone Conf ID: 263 457 005# Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Phone Conf ID: 441 427 395# Tuesday, August 18, 2026 Phone Conf ID: 290 070 37# Tuesday, November 17, 2026 Phone Conf ID: 763 334 268#</p> <p>All calls begin at 12:30 pm, CST. A recording of each call will be shared at VHANHUB.com. Your practice will get credit for one of the champions attending the meeting in real time or listening to the audio recording and answering questions on a survey before the next meeting date.</p> <p>VHAN will send an agenda and reminder to the practice and administrative champions prior to each call as well as minutes and a copy of slides after the call.</p>

Shared Savings Details

Overview	Performance on Champion Call Measure counts for 25 points of total pediatric modifier credit.
Scoring for 2026	Measure: 25 points for participating in all 4 calls, 15 points for participation in 3 calls, 0 points for less than 3 calls. Note: You receive credit for participation if you join the call live or listen to the recording and answer the quiz questions before the next call date.

Clinical Program: Behavioral Health

<p>Overview</p>	<p>VHAN offers behavioral health resources to support network pediatricians in screening for behavioral health conditions, including Depression Screening.</p> <p>The first resource is the Behavioral Health Consult Line. Clinicians can call a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Rebecca Sebastian, Shannon Brown or Danielle McDonough five days a week between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a real-time consult regarding a plan of care for patients with behavioral health challenges. Child Psychiatry consultation continues to be available and is coordinated through the consult line. A virtual face-to-face visit with a psychiatrist can be scheduled for patients who require more diagnostic clarity. The direct line is (615) 205-9367. This number is for clinicians only and should not be given to patients.</p> <p>In addition, VHAN may provide webinars throughout the year on relevant behavioral health topics as well as ECHO learning opportunities. Dates will be announced. Webinars will be recorded and available on the VHANHUB.com site. (Login needed).</p>
<p>Patients Included</p>	<p>Patients aged 12-17 with a well visit</p>
<p>Metric Details</p>	<p>Data will be collected on children aged 12-17 with Aetna, United Healthcare, and Cigna who have an annual wellness visit during the performance year (denominator). The numerator is the number of those 12 through 17 year olds that have a “brief emotional and behavioral assessment with scoring and documentation” as indicated by the CPT code 96127, the non-billing CPT 2 code 3725F, the G code G0444, or 51000029. This would include the PHQ2, PHQ9, or the PSC17.</p>

Shared Savings Details

<p>Overview</p>	<p>Ensure each patient aged 12-17 who presents for a well visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receives an appropriate behavioral health screen • Including codes 99394 and 99384 • Has a 96127, 3725F, G0444 or 51000029 code on the claim
<p>Scoring for 2026</p>	<p>Performance on Behavioral Health is worth 30 points. The maximum 30 points for 95-100% of 12 through 17 years old with a well-visit who are screened, 25 points for 85-94%, 15 points for 70-84% and 5 points for 50-69% of cohort screened.</p>

Clinical Program: Asthma Management

<p>Overview</p>	<p>To ensure our pediatric patients are receiving preventive care that will help reduce the need for hospital visits, unnecessary ED utilization, and improve quality of life, VHAN has been recording pediatric asthma quality measures since 2012. Review of recent data showed that two-thirds of VHAN patients presenting to the ED for asthma did not have a diagnosis of persistent asthma. Therefore, we have expanded the denominator to include persistent, intermittent, and non-specific asthma diagnoses.</p>
<p>Patients Included</p>	<p>Patients included are aged 4 and above who have Aetna, United Healthcare or Cigna insurance with at least one diagnosis of persistent, intermittent or non-specific asthma (J45.2x, J45.3x, J45.4x, J45.5x, J45.90x). The timeframe looks back a rolling 12 months. Although gap reports and shared savings apply to the Aetna, United Healthcare and Cigna patients only at this time, we encourage the practices to incorporate these measures into workflows for all their asthma patients.</p>
<p>Metric Details</p>	<p>At least one Asthma Control Tests (ACT) in the calendar year, documented with CPT 96160 (billing) or CPT2 2015F (non-billing)</p>

Shared Savings Details

<p>Overview</p>	<p>The Asthma score is calculated by measuring the portion of qualifying asthma patients who have had ACTs within the measurement period. The following types of patients are not included in calculating the final score, but will appear on the gap reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients not enrolled in Aetna, Cigna or UHC for at least 12 months • Patients seen by a pulmonologist or allergist in the last 12 months
<p>Scoring for 2026</p>	<p>Performance on the metric for Asthma will be worth 30 points If a practice has no opportunity to meet this metric (no asthma patients with insurances contracted with VHAN) they will be given full credit for this Metric</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 ACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30 points for 90-100% ▪ 25 points for 60%-89% ▪ 15 points for 25-59% ▪ 5 points for 5-24%

Clinical Program: Chlamydia Screening

Overview	Chlamydia for sexually active females between 16 and 24 is a quality metric for two of our payer contracts (United and Cigna). Historically, this is a metric that VHAN has had trouble meeting. Some practices have done quite well, however, so we continue to follow this important metric.
Patients Included	Sexually active females between 16 and 24 years of age
Metric Details	<p>For this HEDIS measure, a 'sexually active' patient is defined as one on any form of contraception or who has a history of an STI or a pregnancy test. Pregnancy test alone is not counted in the denominator for patients prescribed Accutane or an x-ray ordered within 7 days.</p> <p>The numerator is a claim for a chlamydia test. There are many tests and codes; the test most commonly performed is a urine specimen for G.C. and Chlamydia RNA.</p>
Shared Savings Details	
Overview	The denominator for this metric is the number of sexually active 16 through 24-year-old females in your VHAN attribution. A patient is determined by the insurers to be sexually active if she meets any of the criteria above. The numerator is the number of these patients who had a claim for any chlamydia screening test within the measurement year.
Scoring for 2026	10 points for 48% or higher and 5 points for 10%-47%

Clinical Program: Post-Partum Depression Screening	
Overview	Post Partum Depression screening of mothers is recommended by the AAP since the mental health of the mother has a significant effect on the development of the child. Since the pediatrician sees mothers frequently at well child checks during the post-partum period, it is appropriate that this screening is done in our offices. Many practices are doing this already. This metric is designed to encourage all practices to include post-partum screening in their workflow. While mothers with positive screens are most appropriately referred to their OB, the VHAN Behavioral Health Line does have resources to share with pediatricians. The Behavioral Health Line number is (615) 205-9367. This number is for clinicians only and should not be given to patients.
Patients Included	Newborns up to 9 months
Metric Details	Although it is recommended that the screening be done at multiple infant well visits, for our purposes this first year, the metric will be satisfied by at least one post-partum screening in the measurement period.
Shared Savings Details	
Overview	The denominator for this metric is the number of VHAN attributed patients 9 months of age in the calendar year and the numerator is the number of those patients who are billed a 96161, "administration of a standardized health risk assessment instrument specifically tailored to a patient's caregiver", during the same period. A copy of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Inventory, the most widely used screening tool, is attached.
Scoring for 2025	Performance for this metric is worth 5 points for 50-100% and 3 points for 25-49%

Bonus Points

PCMH Participation	
Overview	Pediatricians have long supported the concept of a Primary Care Medical Home. Recently the state and TennCare MCO's have financially encouraged practices to become nationally certified Medical Homes. VHAN wants to recognize the extra work and improved quality of care associated with PCMH
Patients Included	N/A
Metric Details	Each practice that achieves or maintains PCMH certification during the 2026 calendar year may submit a copy of the certification notification by email to Beverly.j.puckett@vhan.com
Shared Savings Details	
Overview	Each practice that submits documentation of achieving PCMH certification will receive 10 points toward the pediatric modifier. Practices maintaining certification will receive 5 points
Scoring for 2026	10 points for achieving PCMH status and 5 points for continuation of certification

Citizenship	
Overview	This is a new metric that applies to all VHAN practices. In order to enhance Practice engagement and improve network communication each practice will be asked to provide the information for two contacts at their practice: a physician and administrative champion.
Patients Included	N/A
Metric Details	Each practice should provide the name and email address of a current Physician Champion and Administrative Champion.
Shared Savings Details	
Overview	Each Practice will be sent a link to a Smartsheet where they can fill out the requested information. The deadline for completion is August 1, 2026.
Scoring for 2026	5 points for providing VHAN with appropriate and current contacts in your practice

Summary of Pediatric Modifier Points

2026 Metrics	2026 Points
1 ACT	90-100% = 30 points
	60-89% = 25 points
	25-59% = 15 points
	5-24% = 5 points
Chlamydia Screening	48-100% = 10 points
	10- 47% = 5 points
Depression Screening	95-100% = 30 points
	85-94% = 25 points
	70- 84% = 15 points
	50- 69% = 5 points
Champion Calls	4 calls = 25 points
	3 calls = 15 points
	1 –2 calls = 0 points
Post Partum Depression Screening	50-100% = 5 points
	25-49% = 3 points
PCMH Certification	10 Bonus Points - New
	5 Bonus Points - Renewal
Citizenship	5 Bonus Points

EDINBURGH POSTNATAL DEPRESSION SCALE (EPDS)

Name: _____ Your Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Date of Delivery: _____ Phone: _____

As you have recently had a baby, we would like to know how you are feeling. Please check the box to the answer which comes closest to how you have felt IN THE PAST 7 DAYS, not just how you feel today.

In the past 7 days

1. I have been able to laugh & see the funny side of things

- As much as I always could
- Not quite as much now
- Definitely not as much now
- Not at all

2. I have looked forward with enjoyment to things

- As much as I ever did
- Rather less than I used to
- Definitely less than I used to
- Hardly at all

3. *I have blamed myself unnecessarily when things went wrong

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, some of the time
- Not very often
- No, never

4. I have been anxious and worried for no good reason

- No, not at all
- Hardly ever
- Yes, sometimes
- Yes, very often

5. *I have felt scared or panicky for no very good reason

- Yes, quite a lot
- Yes, sometimes
- No, not much
- No, not at all

6. * Things have been getting on top of me

- Yes, most of the time I haven't been able to cope
- Yes, sometimes I haven't been coping as well as usual
- No, most of the time I coped quite well
- No, I have been coping as well as ever

7. * I have been unhappy that I have had difficulty sleeping

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, sometimes
- Not very often
- No, not at all

8. * I have felt sad or miserable

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, quite often
- Not very often
- No, not at all

9. * I have been so unhappy that I have been crying

- Yes, most of the time
- Yes, quite often
- Only occasionally
- No, never

10. * The thought of harming myself has occurred to me

- Yes, quite often
- Sometimes
- Hardly ever
- Never

***Remember to take this completed form to your doctor on your next office visit.**

Physician Scoring instructions on the back.

For Physician Use Only

SCORING THE EDINBURGH POSTNATAL DEPRESSION SCALE (EPDS)

Response categories are scored 0, 1, 2, and 3 according to increased severity of the symptoms. Items marked with an **asterisk** are reverse scored (i.e. 3, 2, 1, and 0). The total score is calculated by adding together the scores for each of the ten items.

Scores of 12 or above distinguish borderline and probable cases from non-cases.