

## Cigarette Smoking Prevalence

**2018**

**Measure description:** Percentage of Medicaid members (ages 13 and older) who currently smoke cigarettes.

**Purpose:** Tobacco use causes many diseases and quitting can have immediate and long-term health benefits. In addition to improving health outcomes, helping people quit smoking also reduces the costs of treating health problems caused by using tobacco, such as lung cancer and heart disease.

### Measure Specifications

**Data:** Electronic Health Record

**Improvement Target:** TBD

**Benchmark:** 25% (lower is better)

**Denominator:** Members age 13 and older who had an office visit in 2018 and who have a tobacco use status recorded as structured data in 2017 or 2018.

**Numerator:** Members in the denominator whose most recent status indicates they are a current smoker.

**OHA Resources:** <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/Pages/CCO-Baseline-Data.aspx>

## Strategies for Improvement

- Assess and document cigarette smoking status at every visit; record as structured data in your EHR.
- Prescribe and refer patients for tobacco cessation.