

# COMMUNITY CHECKUP: BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES

These results show how Benton and Franklin Counties perform compared to other counties for both commercial and Medicaid populations. Some results are limited because they fail to meet the Alliance threshold of 160 cases for public reporting. Future reports will likely include more results, as the Alliance lowers the denominator for public reporting and collects additional data. Please visit the [Community Checkup website](#) for full results.

### Bright spots

- Both counties perform well across most age groups on access to care measures.
- Franklin County rates above the state average for avoiding antibiotics for acute bronchitis and avoiding imaging for low back pain among Medicaid enrollees.

### Room for improvement

- Both counties show room for improvement on generic prescription use measures, particularly for antacids, statins and high blood pressure medications.
- Both counties also fall below the state average on several of the prevention measures.

### ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CHECKUP

The Community Checkup is the Washington Health Alliance's annual report to the public comparing the performance of medical groups and clinics for basic measures of quality care. Providers use the data to discover areas for improvement, and consumers to help choose a primary care home. The report demonstrates that everyone has room to improve.

### BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES COMMUNITY CHECKUP RESULTS OVERVIEW

	COMMUNITY CHECKUP MEASURE	BENTON COMMERCIAL	BENTON MEDICAID	FRANKLIN COMMERCIAL	FRANKLIN MEDICAID
ACCESS TO CARE	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 12-24 months	AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 2-6 years	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 7-11 years	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Child and adolescent access to primary care - ages 12-19 years	AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 20-44	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 45-64	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	BETTER THAN AVERAGE	AVERAGE
	Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 65+	AVERAGE	*	AVERAGE	*
APPROPRIATE USE OF CARE	Avoidance of antibiotic treatment in adults with acute bronchitis	LOWER THAN AVERAGE	*	*	BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Avoidance of antibiotics for common cold	LOWER THAN AVERAGE	LOWER THAN AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
	Avoidance of x-ray, MRI and CT scan for low back pain	*	*	*	BETTER THAN AVERAGE

	COMMUNITY CHECKUP MEASURE	BENTON COMMERCIAL	BENTON MEDICAID	FRANKLIN COMMERCIAL	FRANKLIN MEDICAID
PRESCRIBING GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS	Antacids (proton pump inhibitors)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Antidepressants	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Cholesterol-lowering (statins)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE
	High blood pressure (antihyperintensives)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS	Adolescent well-care visits	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE
	Screening for breast cancer (ages 52-69)	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	*
	Screening for cervical cancer	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for chlamydia	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE
	Screening for colon cancer	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	■ AVERAGE	▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE	*
CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS	Asthma - use of appropriate medication	● BETTER THAN AVERAGE	*	*	*
	COPD - use of spirometry testing in assessment and diagnosis	*	*	*	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (12 weeks)	*	*	*	*
	Depression – antidepressant medication (6 months)	*	*	*	*
	Diabetes – blood sugar (HBA1c) test	*	*	*	*
	Diabetes – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	*	*	*	*
	Diabetes – eye exam	*	*	*	*
	Diabetes – kidney disease screening	*	*	*	*
	Heart disease – use of beta blockers	*	Not measured	*	Not measured
	Heart disease – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol)	*	*	*	*
	Heart disease – cholesterol-lowering medication	*	*	*	*

\*There were too few patients (fewer than 160) with the condition of interest to meaningfully report on this measure.

**Note:** The results are based on claims data with dates of service between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2013 and the measurement year of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.