

COMMUNITY CHECKUP: SKAGIT COUNTY RESULTS

The following results show comparison scores for both commercial and Medicaid populations. These results show how Skagit County is performing as compared to other counties and not whether the county is meeting national benchmarks. Please visit the [Community Checkup website](#) to see the full results for Skagit County.

BRIGHT SPOTS

- Skagit County is performing well on generic prescribing with half of the generic prescription measures rating above average, half showing average results and no below average results.
- Skagit County is doing a good job reaching several age groups on access to care measures, with the exception of teenage Medicaid enrollees between 12–19 years old.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Skagit County falls below the state average on multiple prevention measures, including screening for chlamydia and screenings for breast and colon cancer.
- There is room for improvement in the areas of diabetes care and appropriate use of care measures, particularly in the area of the overuse of antibiotics for the common cold.

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.

SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY CHECKUP RESULTS OVERVIEW

| | COMMUNITY CHECKUP MEASURE | COMMERCIAL RESULTS | MEDICAID RESULTS |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ACCESS TO CARE | Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 12–24 months | ■ AVERAGE | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 2–6 years | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 7–11 years | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Child and adolescent access to primary care – ages 12–19 years | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care – ages 20–44 | ■ AVERAGE | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care – ages 45–64 | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Adult access to preventive/ambulatory care - ages 65+ | ■ AVERAGE | * |

| | COMMUNITY CHECKUP MEASURE | COMMERCIAL RESULTS | MEDICAID RESULTS |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| APPROPRIATE USE OF CARE | Avoidance of antibiotic treatment in adults with acute bronchitis | ■ AVERAGE | * |
| | Avoidance of antibiotics for common cold | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Avoidance of x-ray, MRI and CT scan for low back pain | ■ AVERAGE | * |
| PRESCRIBING GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS | Antacids (proton pump inhibitors) | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Antidepressants | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Cholesterol-lowering drugs (statins) | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | High-blood pressure (antihypertensives) | ● BETTER THAN AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS | Adolescent well-care visits | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Screening for breast cancer (ages 52-69) | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Screening for cervical cancer | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Screening for chlamydia | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Screening for colon cancer | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS | Asthma - use of appropriate medication | ■ AVERAGE | * |
| | COPD - use of spirometry testing in the assessment and diagnosis of COPD | * | * |
| | Depression – antidepressant medication (12 weeks) | ■ AVERAGE | * |
| | Depression – antidepressant medication (6 months) | ■ AVERAGE | * |
| | Diabetes – blood sugar (HBA1c) test | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Diabetes – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol) | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Diabetes – eye exam | ■ AVERAGE | ■ AVERAGE |
| | Diabetes – kidney disease screening | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE | ▼ LOWER THAN AVERAGE |
| | Heart disease – beta blockers | * | * |
| | Heart disease – cholesterol test (LDL-c or “bad” cholesterol) | ■ AVERAGE | * |
| Heart disease – cholesterol-lowering medication | ■ AVERAGE | * | |

* 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.