# IT-8.15: Exclusive Breastfeeding at 6 Months

| **Measure Title** | **IT-8.15 Proportion of infants who are breastfed exclusively through 6 months** |
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| **Description** | The proportion of caregivers who report their child was exclusively breastfed (given nothing but breast milk) through 6 months of age. |
| **NQF Number** | Not applicable |
| **Measure Steward** | Healthy People 2020 |
| **Link to measure citation** | http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/objectiveslist.aspx?topicId=26 |
| **Measure type** | Non Stand-Alone (NSA) |
| **Performance and Achievement Type** | Pay-for-Reporting: Prior Authorization |
| **DSRIP-specific modifications to Measure Steward’s specification** | The Measure Steward’s specification has been modified as follows:* Removed the specification of 19-35 months as this time is reflective of the NIS survey administration times. Maintained language that child should be in the same cohort year.
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| **Denominator Description**  | Number of children born in the same cohort year. |
| **Denominator Inclusions** | The Measure Steward does not identify specific denominator inclusions beyond what is described in the denominator description. |
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| **Denominator Size** | Providers must report a minimum of 30 cases per measure during a 12-month measurement period (15 cases for a 6-month measurement period)* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12 months) where the denominator size is less than or equal to 75, providers must report on all cases. No sampling is allowed.
* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12 months) where the denominator size is less than or equal to 380 but greater than 75, providers must report on all cases (preferred, particularly for providers using an electronic health record) or a random sample of not less than 76 cases.
* For a measurement period (either 6 or 12-months) where the denominator size is greater than 380, providers must report on all cases (preferred, particularly for providers using an electronic health record) or a random sample of cases that is not less than 20% of all cases; however, providers may cap the total sample size at 300 cases.
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| **Numerator Description**  | Number of caregivers of children born in a cohort year who indicate their child was exclusively breastfed (given nothing but breast milk) through 6 months of age. |
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| **Setting** | Ambulatory |
| **Data Source** | Electronic Health Record, Clinical Data, Supplemental Data Sources |
| **Allowable Denominator Sub-sets** | All denominator subsets are permissible for this outcome  |