

Well-Child Visits

First 30 Months of Life (W30)

APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS

- Commercial
- Exchange

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The percentage of patients who had the following number of well-child visits with a PCP during the last 15 monthsⁱ. The following rates are reported:

- Well-child visits in the first 15 months. Children who turned 15 months old during the measurement year: six or more well-child visits.
- Well-child visits for age 15 months to 30 months. Children who turned 30 months old during the measurement year: two or more well-child visits.

EXCLUSIONS

Patients are excluded if they:

- Received hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during the measurement year.
- Died during the measurement year.

CODING

Type	Code	Description
CPT ^{®ii}	99381-99382	Initial comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation younger than 1 year through 4 years
CPT [®]	99391-99392	Periodic comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation younger than 1 through 4 years
CPT [®]	99461	Initial care per day, for E/M of normal newborn infant seen in other than hospital or birthing center
HCPCS ⁱⁱⁱ	G0438	Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (pps), initial visit
HCPCS	G0439	Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (pps), subsequent visit
HCPCS	S0302	Completed early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment (epsdt) service (list in addition to code for appropriate evaluation and management service)
ICD-10 ^{iv}	Z00.00	Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings

ICD-10	Z00.01	Encounter for general adult medical examination with abnormal findings
ICD-10	Z00.110	Health examination for newborn under 8 days old
ICD-10	Z00.111	Health examination for newborn 8 to 28 days old
ICD-10	Z00.121	Encounter for routine child health examination with abnormal findings
ICD-10	Z00.129	Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings
ICD-10	Z00.2	Encounter for examination for period of rapid growth in childhood
ICD-10	Z00.3	Encounter for examination for adolescent development state
ICD-10	Z02.5	Encounter for examination for participation in sports
ICD-10	Z76.1	Encounter for health supervision and care of foundling
ICD-10	Z76.2	Encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Patient Care

- Reinforce to parents or guardians that well-child visits are an opportunity for a doctor to evaluate the child's overall growth, health, and determine whether any developmental or social issues require further examination.
- Take advantage of every office visit (including problem-focused visits) to provide a well-child exam and submit the appropriate corresponding exam codes.
- Coach staff to schedule visits within timeframe guidelines after each visit before the patient leaves the office.
- Telehealth visits are acceptable to meet the measure requirements.
- Consider parents' work schedule as a barrier to visits and offer extended evening or weekend hours.

Documentation and Coding

- This measure is based on medical claims, which is why it is so important to ensure that the most appropriate primary diagnosis code is assigned for the well-child exam.
- Code for exclusions.
- Partner with your health plan payers to submit electronic data from your EMR.
- Document medical and surgical history in the medical record with dates in structured fields so your EMR can include these in reporting. This will allow the corresponding code to be included in electronic reporting, including claims, to health plans.
- Use standardized documentation formats to capture the elements of a well-child visit and to assist with coding/ billing procedures.

ⁱ National Committee for Quality Assurance. HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans (2024), 426-431.

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ⁱⁱⁱ HCPCS Level II codes and descriptors are approved and maintained jointly by the alpha-numeric editorial panel (consisting of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, America's Health Insurance Plans, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association).

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