

# Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

## APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS

- Commercial

## MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Patients ages 3-21 who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year<sup>1</sup>.

## 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 <sup>®ii</sup>	99382	New patient preventative medical services (ages 1-4 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99383	New patient preventive medical services (ages 5-11 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99384	New patient preventive medical services (ages 12-17 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99385	New patient preventive medical services (ages 18-39 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99392	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 1-4 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99393	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 5-11 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99394	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 12-17 years)
CPT <sup>®</sup>	99395	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 18-39 years)
HCPCS <sup>iii</sup>	G0438	Annual wellness visit, initial visit
HCPCS	G0439	Annual wellness visit, subsequent visit
HCPCS	S0302	Completed early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment service
ICD-10 <sup>iv</sup>	Z00.00	Encounter for general adult exam w/o abnormal findings
ICD-10	Z00.01	Encounter for general adult exam 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 exam with abnormal findings

ICD-10	Z00.129	Encounter for routine child health exam w/o abnormal findings
ICD-10	Z00.2	Encounter for exam of period of rapid growth in childhood
ICD-10	Z00.3	Encounter for exam of adolescent development state
ICD-10	Z02.5	Encounter for exam of participation in sport
ICD-10	Z76.1	Encounter for health supervision and care of foundling
ICD-10	Z76.2	Encounter for health supervision and care of other health infant and child

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

### Patient Care

- Use every office visit, including problem focused visits to provide a well-child visit as well as discussing immunization status.
- Provide timely health information forms, especially for children with special needs, and giving clear advice about return to care after illness can be very helpful.
- Use well-care visits as an opportunity for screening and counseling.
- Coach staff to schedule visits within timeframe guidelines after each visit before the patient leaves the office.
- Explain why the well-child visit is important for assessing growth and development, and for providing immunizations and anticipatory guidance on diet, activity, and safety.
- Consider parents' work schedule as a barrier to visits and offer extended evening or weekend hours.

### Documentation and Coding

- 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.
- Code for exclusions.
- Use standardized documentation formats to capture the elements of a well-child visit and to assist with coding/billing procedures.

<sup>i</sup> National Committee for Quality Assurance. HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans (2024), 432-435.

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