

Well-Child Visits

First 30 Months of Life (W30)

The well-child visit allows for comprehensive assessment of a child and the opportunity for further evaluation if abnormalities are detected. A complete history during the well-child visit includes information about birth history; prior screenings; diet; sleep; dental care; and medical, surgical, family, and social histories. A head-to-toe examination should be performed, including a review of growth. Immunizations should be reviewed and updated as appropriate. Well-child visits provide the opportunity to answer parents' or caregivers' questions and to provide age-appropriate guidance.ⁱ

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 months.ⁱⁱ 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 during the measurement year

PATIENT CLAIMS SHOULD INCLUDE

Code Type	Description
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	[Z00.00] Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings

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

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 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.
- 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.

ⁱ <https://www.aafp.org/afp/2018/0915/p347.html>

ⁱⁱ National Committee for Quality Assurance. HEDIS® Measurement Year 2020 & Measurement Year 2021 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans, pp 447-450

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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