

Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

Description of Measure

The percentage of members 3 – 21 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year (MY).¹

Documentation

- The well-care visit must occur with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner, but the practitioner does not have to be the practitioner assigned to the member.
- Well-care visits must be at least 14 days apart.
- Comprehensive well-care visit includes a health history, physical exam, physical and mental developmental history, and anticipatory guidance.
- Documentation of handouts given without evidence of discussion does not meet criteria.
- Preventive services may be rendered on visits other than well-care visits. Medical record must include documentation of preventative services.

| Visit Component | Component Example |
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| Health History | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Past illness (or lack of illness)■ Past surgeries or hospitalizations■ Social history■ Family health history■ Allergies, medications, immunization |
| Physical Developmental History | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Tanner stage/scale■ Sitting up, standing up, crawling, walking■ Sucking on objects■ Teething■ Rolling on to tummy■ Holds objects, developing eye hand coordination■ Kicks balls |
| Mental Developmental History | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Responds to sound, makes eye contact■ Cries for assistance, calms or quiets down when picked up■ Laughs when tickled■ Interactive play■ Uses 50 words■ Combines 2 words into short phrase or sentence■ Can name 5 body parts |

| Visit Component | Component Example |
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| Physical Exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comprehensive head to toe exam with vital signs ▪ Anticipatory guidance ▪ Nutrition ▪ Exercise ▪ Substance Abuse Counseling ▪ Safety ▪ Notation that age-appropriate guidance was provided |

| Code | Well Care Visit Codes and Descriptions |
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| CPT | |
| 99384, 99385, 99391, 99392, 99393, 33934, 99395, 99461 | |
| HCPCS | |
| G0438 | Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (pps), subsequent visit |
| G0439 | Annual gynecological examination; clinical breast examination without pelvic evaluation |
| S0302 | Completed early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment (epsdt) service (list in addition to code for appropriate evaluation and management service) |
| S0610 | Annual gynecological examination, new patient |
| S0612 | Annual gynecological examination, established patient |
| S0613 | Annual gynecological examination, new patient |

| Code | Encounter for Well Care Codes and Descriptions |
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| ICD10CM | |
| Z00.00 | Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings |
| Z00.01 | Encounter for general adult medical examination with abnormal findings |
| Z00.110 | Health examination for newborn under 8 days old |
| Z00.111 | Health examination for newborn 8 to 28 days old |
| Z00.121 | Encounter for routine child health examination with abnormal findings |
| Z00.129 | Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings |
| Z00.2 | Encounter for examination for period of rapid growth in childhood |
| Z00.3 | Encounter for examination for adolescent development state |
| Z01.411 | Encounter for gynecological examination (general) (routine) with abnormal findings |
| Z01.419 | Encounter for gynecological examination (general) (routine) without abnormal findings |
| Z02.5 | Encounter for examination for participation in sport |
| Z02.84 | Encounter for child welfare exam |
| Z76.1 | Encounter for health supervision and care of foundling |
| Z76.2 | Encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child |

Exclusions

| Exclusion | Time limit |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members who use hospice services or elect to use ▪ Members who died | Any time during measurement year (MY) |

Strategies for Success

- Prevent missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits) to provide a well child visit, immunizations, developmental screening, lead testing, and topical fluoride for children.
- Ensure that medical records include the date that a health and developmental history, physical exam was performed, and what health education/anticipatory guidance was given.
- Use standardized templates in charts and in electronic medical records (EMRs) that allow checkboxes for standard counseling activities.
- Follow the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents schedule.
- Educate staff to schedule the recommended AAP visits within the guidelines time frames.
- Educate staff to schedule the next visit or more visits prior to leaving the office.

Resources

- I. National Committee for Quality Assurance, HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans

