

Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

Learn how to improve your Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) rates by using this tip sheet about the Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits measure, best practices and more resources.

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.

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- One or more well-care visits during the measurement year. Either of the following meet criteria:
 - A well-care visit.
 - An encounter for well-care.
- 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

NOTE: Services rendered during an inpatient or ED visit or services that are specific to the assessment or treatment of an acute or chronic condition do not count toward the measure.

Additional Tips

Preventive services may be rendered on visits other than well-child visits.

Visits to school-based clinics with practitioners whom the organization would consider PCPs may be counted if documentation that a well-care exam occurred is available in the medical record or administrative system in the time frame specified by the measure.

Services that occur over multiple visits, as long as all services occur in the time frame specified by the measure, may be counted.

Best Practices

- Take advantage of every visit, including sick visits, to capture the components of this measure
- Schedule visits within the recommended time frames
- Encourage parents/patients to maintain the relationship with a PCP to promote consistent and coordinated health care
- Educate parents/patients on the importance of having preventive care visits
- Consider offering extended practice hours to increase care access
- Remind patients of their appointment by making calls or sending texts

Well Child Visits Flipping Visits

Visit Type	ICD-10 Codes	CPT Codes*	Modifiers
Well Visit	Z00.129	(99381-5 or 99391-5)	None
Well + Immunizations	Z00.129, Z23	(99381-5 or 99391-5)	25
Well + Sick	Z00.121 and appropriate sick ICD-10 code	(99381-5 or 99391-5) and 9921x	25
Well + Sick + Immunizations	Z00.121, Z23, and appropriate sick ICD-10 code	(99381-5 or 99391-5) and 9921x	25 for sick and 25 for immunizations

*CPT Codes: Use the appropriate well visit code for the age of the child, see [Coding Table](#)

For additional best practices regarding WCV:

<https://www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures/child-and-adolescent-well-care-visits/>

<https://www.aap.org/en/practice-management/bright-futures>

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/johns-hopkins-health-plans/providers-physicians/health-care-performance-measures/hedis/child-adolescent-well-care-visits>