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development.

 Assessing physical, emotional and social development is

• Well-care visits provide an

opportunity for providers

to influence health and

important at every stage of life, particularly with children and

One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

# Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

Utilization and Risk Adjusted Utilization HEDIS® Measure\*

# **HEDIS** measure description

The percentage of children and adolescents who had one or more comprehensive well-care visits during the measurement year.

## Measure population (denominator)

Members 3 to 21 years of age as of December 31st of the measurement year.

# Measure compliance (numerator)

- At least one well-care visit with a PCP, OB/GYN, pediatrician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner during the measurement year.
- Comprehensive well-care visit documentation should include a note indicating a visit with a practitioner, the date and evidence of all the following:
  - 1. Health history
  - 2. Physical developmental history
  - 3. Mental developmental history
  - 4. Physical exam
  - 5. Health education or anticipatory guidance

**Note:** This measure can only be met through appropriate coding and claims. Telehealth visits meet criteria with acceptable coding (real-time audio and video only).

This measure applies to commercial members only.

#### **Exclusions**

- Members in hospice or using hospice services anytime during the measurement year
- Members deceased during measurement year

## Helpful HEDIS hints

Documentation in the medical record is critical and must include notes indicating each well-care visit occurred with a PCP, pediatrician, OB/GYN, physician assistant or nurse practitioner; the date when the well-care visit occurred, and the below components addressed:

- **Health history:** An assessment of the member's history of disease or illness, such as past illness (or lack of illness), surgery or hospitalization (or lack of surgery or hospitalization) and family health history.
- Physical developmental history: Assesses specific age-appropriate physical developmental milestones.
- **Mental developmental history:** Assesses specific age-appropriate mental developmental milestones (behaviors seen in children as they grow and develop).
- Physical exam: Comprehensive assessment including height, weight and BMI percentile.
- **Health education or anticipatory guidance** is given by the health care provider to parents or guardians in anticipation of emerging issues that a child and family may face.

## Tips for coding

- Visits with a practitioner can be with or without a telehealth modifier (see telehealth guide).
- Codes to identify Well-Child Visits:
  - ICD10CM: Z00.00, Z00.01, Z00.110, Z00.111, Z00.121, Z00.129, Z00.2, Z00.3, Z01.411, Z01.419, Z02.5, Z76.1, Z76.2
  - CPT® codes\*\*: 99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461
  - HCPCS: G0438, G0439, S0302, S0610, S0612, S0613

#### Resources

- Child Trends. "Child Trends DataBank." childtrends.org/indicators?a-z
- 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 2018. "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance United States, 2017." cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/ss/ss6708a1.htm
- 3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2022. "Information on Raising Healthy Children for Parents with Children (Ages 4-11). cdc.gov/parents/children/healthy\_children.html

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