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HEDIS® Tip Sheet | Effectiveness of Care Measure

Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30-6+, W30-2+)

Improve your HEDIS[1] performance by helping infants and toddlers receive timely preventive care.

Use this tip sheet to support your HEDIS rates for the Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30-6+, W30-2+) measure. It highlights key measure requirements, recommended visit schedules, coding guidance and best practices to help ensure children receive the preventive care they need.

Well-child visits provide critical opportunities to monitor growth and development, identify health concerns early, educate parents and caregivers, complete recommended screenings and ensure children stay up to date on immunizations.

Keep children on track with timely well-child visits and screenings.

Measure

Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months (W30-6+):
Children who turn 15 months old during the measurement year with six or more well-child visits with a primary care provider (PCP).

Well-Child Visits from Ages 15-30 Months (W30-2+):
Children who turn 30 months old during the measurement year with two or more well-child visits with a PCP.

Eligible population

Members 0 to 30 months old as of December 31 of the measurement year.

Codes

Coding guidance	Use appropriate billing and diagnosis codes when reporting well-child visits.
CPT[2] codes:	99381–99385, 99391–99395, 99461
ICD-10-CM codes:	Z00.110, Z00.111, Z00.121, Z00.129, Z02.84, Z76.1, Z76.2

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Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (cont.)

Best practices

Schedule and complete visits on time

- Follow the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended preventive care schedule:
  - **3 to 5 days after birth**
  - **1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24 and 30 months**
- Promptly reschedule missed appointments.
- Use reminder calls, texts, patient portal messages, and letters to encourage attendance.

Educate parents and caregivers

- Explain the importance of routine well-child visits during scheduling and outreach efforts.
- Discuss what families can expect at upcoming visits.
- Encourage use of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Milestone Tracker app to monitor developmental milestones between visits.

Capture every eligible visit

- When clinically appropriate, convert sick visits to well-child visits.
- Ensure all well-child visits are accurately documented, coded and submitted.
- Reconcile claims and encounter data regularly to capture visits completed during the first three months of life.

Maximize each visit

Use every well-child visit as an opportunity to:

- Administer recommended immunizations.
- Complete age-appropriate developmental screenings.
- Conduct blood lead level testing, when appropriate.
- Provide anticipatory guidance and preventive health counseling.

Don't miss early visits

Visits completed during the first 15 months of life significantly impact W30 performance. Accurate documentation, coding and timely data submission help ensure care provided is reflected in HEDIS results.

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