

# Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

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This measure is a new measure in which National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) combined the Well-Child Visits in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Years of Life (W34) with the Adolescent Well-Care Visits (AWC) measure.

The Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) developed a set of comprehensive health guidelines for well-childcare, known as the “periodicity schedule.” It is a schedule of screenings and assessments recommended at each well-child visit from infancy through adolescence.<sup>i</sup>

Regular checkups are an important way to keep track of a child’s health and physical, emotional, and social development. These visits are important for all children, including children and youth with special health care needs who may also be under the care of specialists. Your conversations can range from sharing successes and milestones, to overall concerns about child development, to challenges in daily routines. Think of these visits as a chance to help parents and guardians learn as much as they can about the best ways to help their child grow. By focusing on growth and learning, parents and guardians you and providers can make sure a child is developing as expected. The family and provider form a partnership based on respect, trust, honest communication, and understanding the family’s culture and traditions.<sup>ii</sup>

## APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS

- Commercial

## MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Patients ages 3-21 who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner.

## EXCLUSIONS FROM THE MEASURE

Patients are excluded if they:

- Received hospice any time during the measurement year

## INFORMATION PATIENT CLAIMS SHOULD INCLUDE

CPT® Codes <sup>iii</sup>	Description
99382	New patient preventative medical services (ages 1-4 years)
99383	New patient preventive medical services (ages 5-11 years)
99384	New patient preventive medical services (ages 12-17 years)
99385	New patient preventive medical services (ages 18-39 years)

99392	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 1-4 years)
99393	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 5-11 years)
99394	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 12-17 years)
99395	Established patient preventive, re-eval. of medical services (ages 18-39 years)
<b>ICD-10 Codes<sup>iv</sup></b>	<b>Description</b>
Z00.00	Encounter for general adult exam w/o abnormal findings <sup>v</sup>
Z00.01	Encounter for general adult exam 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 exam with abnormal findings
Z00.129	Encounter for routine child health exam w/o abnormal findings
Z00.2	Encounter for exam of period of rapid growth in childhood
Z00.3	Encounter for exam of adolescent development state
Z02.5	Encounter for exam of participation in sport
Z76.1	Encounter for health supervision and care of foundling
Z76.2	Encounter for health supervision and care of other health infant and child
<b>HCPCS Codes<sup>vi</sup></b>	<b>Description</b>
G0438	Annual wellness visit, initial visit
G0439	Annual wellness visit, subsequent visit
S0302	Completed early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment service

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Use every office visit, including problem focused visits to provide a well-child visit as well as discussing immunization status.
- Provide timely health information forms, especially for children with special needs, and giving clear advice about return to care after illness can be very helpful.
- Use well care visits as an opportunity for screening and counseling.

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/health-management/Pages/Well-Child-Care-A-Check-Up-for-Success.aspx>

<sup>ii</sup> National Committee for Quality Assurance. *HEDIS® Measurement Year 2020 & Measurement Year 2021 Volume 2 Technical Specifications for Health Plans* (2020), 447-449

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<sup>iv</sup> ICD-10-CM created by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), under authorization by the World Health Organization. World Health Organization-copyright holder.

<sup>v</sup> [https://brightfutures.aap.org/Bright%20Futures%20Documents/BF\\_Family\\_Tipsheet.pdf](https://brightfutures.aap.org/Bright%20Futures%20Documents/BF_Family_Tipsheet.pdf)

<sup>vi</sup> 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).