



# Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30)

## HEDIS® Measurement Year 2020 & 2021 Measures

**Measure Description: The percentage of members who had the following number of well-child visits with a PCP during the last 15 months. The following rates are reported:**

- **Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months.** Children who turned 15 months old during the measurement year: Six or more well-child visits.
- **Well-Child Visits for Age 15 Months–30 Months.** Children who turned 30 months old during the measurement year: Two or more well-child visits.

**\*Pertinent change from calendar year 2019 to 2020: Medical record submission will no longer close gaps in care for well-child HEDIS measures. Care must be captured administratively.**

**\*\*Telehealth visits now meet criteria as long as the appropriate CPT code is submitted with the GT modifier.**

### Eligible Population

#### Two age stratifications

Children who turn 15 months old during the measurement year and children who turn 30 months old during the measurement year.

### Strategies for Improvement

- Utilize NCQA coding tips to actively reflect care rendered.
- Educate staff to schedule visits within the time frames.
- Exam requirements can be performed during sick visits or a well-child exam.
- Never miss an opportunity to perform a well-child exam, even during a sick visit.
- Educate staff to schedule visits within the guideline time frames.

### Components of a Well-Child Visit

The well-child visit must occur with a PCP type practitioner, but the PCP does not have to be the practitioner assigned to the child. Preventive services may be rendered on visits other than well-child visits. Well-child preventive services count toward the measure, regardless of the primary intent of the visit, but services that are specific to an acute or chronic condition do not count toward the measure. Do not include services rendered during an inpatient or ED visit.

The following are some examples of acceptable criteria for all the components in a well-child visit:

- **Health History**
  - Past illness (or lack of illness)
  - Past surgeries/hospitalizations (or lack of surgery or hospitalization)
  - Social history
  - Family health history
  - Allergies/medications/immunizations documented together

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- **Physical Developmental History** (Physical skills seen in children as they grow and develop)
  - Tanner Stage/Scale
  - Sitting up/ standing up/ crawling/ walking
  - Sucking on objects
  - Teething
  - Rolls on tummy
  - Number of wet diapers
  - Holds objects or is developing hand/eye coordination
  - Follows parents with eyes
  - Kicks ball
  - Walking up stairs
  - Running without falling
- **Mental Developmental History** (Behaviors seen in children as they grow and develop)
  - Responds to sound/makes eye contact
  - Cries for assistance/calms or quiets down when picked up
  - Laughs when tickled
  - Plays interactive games (peek-a-boo)
  - Uses 50 words; combines 2 words into short phrase or sentence
  - Name at least 5 body parts
- **Physical Exam**
  - Comprehensive head to toe exam with vital signs and assessment of at least 3 body systems
- **Anticipatory Guidance** (Regarding anticipation of emerging issues that a child and family may face)
  - Nutrition
  - Exercise
  - Substance abuse counseling
  - Safety
  - Notation that age appropriate anticipatory guidance was provided

## Numerator Codes

There is a large list of approved NCQA codes used to identify the services included in the W30 measure. **The following are just a few of the approved codes. For a complete list please refer to the NCQA website at [NCQA.org](https://www.ncqa.org).**

| Code Class    | Codes                             | Description                                                                 |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CPT</b>    | 99381- 99385, 99391- 99395, 99461 | Well-care                                                                   |
| <b>ICD-10</b> | Z00.110                           | Health examination for newborn under 8 days old                             |
| <b>ICD-10</b> | Z00.111                           | Health examination for newborn 8-28 days old                                |
| <b>ICD-10</b> | Z00.121                           | Encounter for routine child health check with abnormal findings             |
| <b>ICD-10</b> | Z00.129                           | Encounter for routine child health check without abnormal findings          |
| <b>ICD-10</b> | Z76.2                             | Encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child |

\*The ages for well-child visits as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule are:

- Newborn
- First Week (3 to 5 days)
- 1 month
- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 9 months
- 12 months
- 15 months
- 18 months
- 24 months (2 year)
- 30 months (2 1/2 year)