

Child and Adolescent Well-Child Visits (WCV)

By collaborating, we can improve health outcomes for your patients, our members. This MDwise tip sheet provides best practices and tips that can optimize HEDIS scores and identify opportunities to improve patient care.

What Is the Measure?

This measure assesses the percentage of members 3–21 years of age who had at least one (1) comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures initiative recommends that the well-child visits for ages 3-11 years include, but are not limited to:

- An initial/interval medical history
- Physical exam
- Developmental assessment
- Anticipatory guidance

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Bright Futures initiative recommends that the well-child visits for ages 12-21 years include, but are not limited to:

- Concerns of the adolescent and the parent(s)
- Address social determinants of health
- Risk reduction (pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol)
- Safety (seat belt and helmet use, sun protection, substance use, firearm safety)
- Physical growth and development
- Emotional well-being

IHCP-Covered Codes to Identify WCV:

Description	Codes
Well-Child Visits	CPT: 99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461 HCPCS: S0613 ICD10CM: Z00.00, Z00.01, Z00.110, Z11.111, Z00.121*, Z00.129*, Z00.2, Z00.3, Z01.411, Z01.419, Z02.5, Z76.1, Z76.2

*Required as a primary diagnosis for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) billing

It is recommended that well-child visits follow the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule: [Periodicity Schedule](#).



Earn incentive dollars when your members meet this measure!

For example, a panel of 500 members = \$375/month [Physician Pay for Value \(mdwise.org\)](#)

How to Improve Your Quality Score:

- **Make every office visit count.** If time allows for additional quality procedures, avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit, including sick visits and sports/daycare/camp physicals, to provide a well-child visit, immunizations, lead testing, developmental screening, BMI calculations and counseling.
- **Educate staff** to schedule the recommended well-child visits within the guideline time frames.
- **Inform caregivers about the importance of annual well-child visits.**
- **Actively pursue missed appointments** with reminder letters, calls and text messages.
- **Make outreach calls** to members who are not on track to complete an annual well-child visit.
- **Ensure the medical record includes** the date when a health and developmental history and physical exam were performed and health education/anticipatory guidance was given.
- **Set care gap “alerts”** in your electronic medical record.
- **Encourage parents/patients to maintain the relationship with a PCP** to promote consistent and coordinated health care.