

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

Well-child Visits in the First 30 months of Life (W30)

Did you know?

into adulthood.

counseling.

• Behaviors established during

childhood or adolescence,

 Well-care visits offer a crucial opportunity for screening and

such as eating habits and physical activity, often extend

Utilization and Risk Adjusted Utilization HEDIS® Measure*

HEDIS measure description

The percentage of children in the first 30 months of life who had the recommended number of well-child visits with a primary care practitioner.

• Two rates are reported: 15 month old and 30 month old

Measure population (denominator)

- Rate 1. Children who turned 15 months old during the measurement year.
 - Calculate the 15-month birthday as the child's first birthday plus 90 days.
- Rate 2. Children who turned 30 months old during the measurement year.
 - Calculate the 30-month birthday as the child's second birthday plus 180 days.

Measure compliance (numerator)

- Rate 1: Children 15 months old: Six or more well-child visits on or before the child's 15 month birthday
- Rate 2: Children 30 months old: Two or more well-child visits between the child's 15 month (plus 1 day) and 30 month birthday

Note: This measure can only be met through appropriate coding and claims.

- Visits must be on separate dates of service and at least 14 days apart.
- 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 should indicate each well-child visit occurred with a PCP, physician assistant or nurse practitioner, and include the date when the well-child visit occurred, and discussion of the components below:

- **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:** 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

- Codes to identify Well-Care Visits:
 - ICD-10-CM: 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® **: 99381 99385, 99391 99395, 99461
 - HCPCS: G0438, G0439, S0302, S0610, S0612, S0613

Resources

- 1. Child Trends. 2018. "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. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). 2021. "Recommendations for Preventative Pediatric Health Care," downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/periodicity_schedule.pdf

No portion of this document may be copied without the express written permission of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, except that BCBSM participating health care providers may make copies for their personal use. In no event may any portion of this publication be copied or reprinted and used for commercial purposes by any party other than BCBSM. None of the information included herein is intended to be legal advice and, as such, it remains the provider's responsibility to ensure that all coding and documentation are done in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

^{*} HEDIS®, which stands for Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, is a registered trademark of the National Committee for Quality Assurance, or NCQA.

^{**} CPT codes, descriptions and two-digit numeric modifiers only are copyright of the 2020 American Medical Association. All rights reserved.