

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)

Utilization and Risk Adjusted Utilization HEDIS® Measure\*

## 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 months old and 30 months 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.
- Well-care visits can only be completed in person. Telehealth does not meet criteria for this measure.

This measure applies to commercial members only.

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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

### **Exclusions**

- Received hospice services anytime during the measurement year
- Deceased during the measurement year

## Helpful HEDIS hints

Documentation in the medical record should indicate each well-child visit occurred with a primary care practitioner and include the date when the well-child visit occurred, and discussion of the components below:

- **Health history:** An assessment of the patient'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   | CPT®                                   | HCPCS                                    |
|---|--|--|
| Z00.00, Z00.01, Z00.110, Z00.111,<br>Z00.121, Z00.129, Z00.2, Z00.3,<br>Z01.411, Z01.419, Z02.5, Z76.1, Z76.2 | 99381 - 99385, 99391 - 99395,<br>99461 | G0438, G0439, S0302, S0610, S0612, S0613 |

#### Resources

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