



# Child and Adolescent Well Care Visits (WCV) HEDIS® Measurement Year 2024

**Measure description:** The percentage of enrolled members 3–21 years of age (as of December 31 of measurement year) who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.

**Note:** Medical record submission will no longer close gaps in care for well-child HEDIS measures. Care must be captured administratively.

## 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 (applies to all children and adolescents from ages 3-21)
- 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
- Physical developmental history
- Mental developmental history
- Physical exam
- Anticipatory guidance
- Substance use counseling

## Numerator codes

There is a large list of approved NCQA codes used to identify the services included in the WCV measure. The following are just a few of the approved codes.

**For a complete list, refer to the NCQA website at [www.ncqa.org](http://www.ncqa.org).**

Well Care Visits		
<b>CPT</b>	99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461	Well-care
<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>HCPCS</b>	G0438	Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service, initial visit
<b>HCPCS</b>	G0439	Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service, subsequent visit

## 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.