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Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life (W15)

Let's work together to improve health outcomes. The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) helps us measure many aspects of performance. This tip sheet details key points of the featured HEDIS measure.

What is the measure?

The measure assesses the number of well-child visits of children who turned 15 months old between January 1 and December 31 of the measurement year.

To meet HEDIS criteria, **at least six visits or more** with a primary care provider (PCP) must occur.

Note:

- The PCP does not have to be the child's assigned PCP
- There must be at least two weeks between each well-child visit

How To Improve Your Quality Score

- Code visits correctly
- At the new patient visit and every future visit, schedule the next well-child visit appointment
- Provide parents with recommended vaccine schedule:
cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child.html
- Post the CDC's recommended immunization schedule in your office for staff to review:
cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html
- Use the CDC's guidelines to assist with identifying developmental delays and disabilities in children: cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/documents/physicianprimer_508c_no-crops.pdf

Exclusions

- Visits specific to acute or chronic conditions do not count, while well-child preventive services do count toward this measure.
- Do not include services rendered:
 - ◆ via telehealth
 - ◆ during an inpatient visit
 - ◆ during an emergency department visit

Acceptable Documentation in the Medical Record

Medical record documentation must indicate the well-child visit was with a PCP, but does not have to be the child's assigned PCP. The visit notes must include evidence of **all** the following:

- Health history
- Physical exam
- Physical development history
- Date of Visit
- Mental development history
- Health Education/Anticipatory Guidance (i.e., medications, immunizations)

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Well-Visit Codes

Use codes found in the Well-Care Value Set from the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

CPT 99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461

HCPCS G0438, G0439, Z00.00, Z00.01, Z00.110, Z00.111, Z00.121, Z00.129, Z00.5, Z00.8, Z02.0-Z02.6, Z02.71, Z08.82, Z76.1, Z76.2

Other Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines for Health Supervisions
aap.org

Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children and Adolescents
brightfutures.org