HEDIS MEASURE OVERVIEW

Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30)

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What is the W30 measure?

The Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30) is one of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) HEDIS measures used to evaluate and ensure adequate care of infants and toddlers by their providers.

Who is included in the W30 measure?

Children who turn 15 months old during the measure year for Rate 1 and children who turn 30 months old during the measure year for Rate 2 are included.

How does a patient become compliant?

Six or more well-child visits during the first 15 months of life (Rate 1) and two or more well-child visits between 15 months old and 30 months old (Rate 2) achieves compliance. Visits must occur with a primary care provider (PCP) and each have a claim on different dates of service. The PCP does not have to be the practitioner assigned to the child. Visits must be at least 14 days apart.

Well-child visits may be conducted during a sick visit if the documentation addresses the intent of the visit and the preventive services with all the required components documented. The following components must be included and documented in a well-child visit in the first 30 months of life:

- Health history
- Physical history
- Mental history
- Physical exam
- Health education/anticipatory guidance

Exclusions

- Patients using hospice services
- Patients who died anytime during the measurement year

Measure best practices

- Administer needed immunizations during the patient's visit.
- Use a standardized template during the visit to capture all required elements.
- Ensure clearinghouses and/or third-party billing contractors include all codes, regardless of reimbursement.
- Educate the parent/guardian on the importance of well-child visits.

W30 coding

Code type	Code	Description
ICD-10	Z00.110; Z00.111	Health exam for newborn under 8 days old; 8–28 days old
ICD-10	Z00.121; Z00.129	Encounter for routine child health check with abnormal findings; without abnormal findings
ICD-10	Z76.2	Encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child
CPT	99381–99385; 99391–99395	New and established patient preventive medicine services
CPT	99461	Newborn care services

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