

HEDIS® Tips:

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

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The percentage of patients who turned 15 months old during the measurement year and who had the following number of well-child visits with a PCP during their first 15 months of life:

- One well-child visit.
- Two well-child visits.
- Three well-child visits.
- Four well-child visits.
- Five well-child visits.
- Six or more well-child visits.

Well-child visits consist of all of the following:

- A health history
- A physical developmental history
- A mental developmental history
- A physical exam
- Health education/anticipatory guidance

CODES INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT HEDIS MEASURE

Description	Codes
Well-Child Visits	CPT®: 99381-99385, 99391-99395, 99461 HCPDS: G0438, G0439 ICD-10: Z00.110, Z00.111, Z00.121, Z00.129, Z00.5, Z00.8, Z02.0, Z02.6, Z02.71, Z02.82, Z76.1, Z76.2

HOW TO IMPROVE HEDIS SCORES

- ☐ Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits) to provide a well-child visit, immunizations, and lead testing.
- ☐ Make day care physicals into well-care visits by performing the required services and submitting appropriate codes.
- ☐ Remember that the medical record needs to include the date when a health and developmental history and physical exam was performed and health education/anticipatory guidance was given.
- ☐ Use standardized templates in charts and in EMRs that allow checkboxes for standard counseling activities.

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