

Pediatric Preventive Care



EVERY VISIT COUNTS

Well-child visits are among the most high-impact encounters in pediatric practice — and they are the foundation of **HEDIS compliance for Pediatric Preventive Care**. When visits happen on schedule and are documented with the right codes, care gaps close automatically. The opportunity is in the visit — and in making sure it counts.



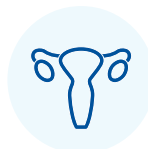
HEDIS MEASURES IN FOCUS

- **Well-Child Visits**
(First 30 Months of Life)
- **Child & Adolescent Well-Care Visits**
(Ages 3–21)

WHO SHOULD ACT



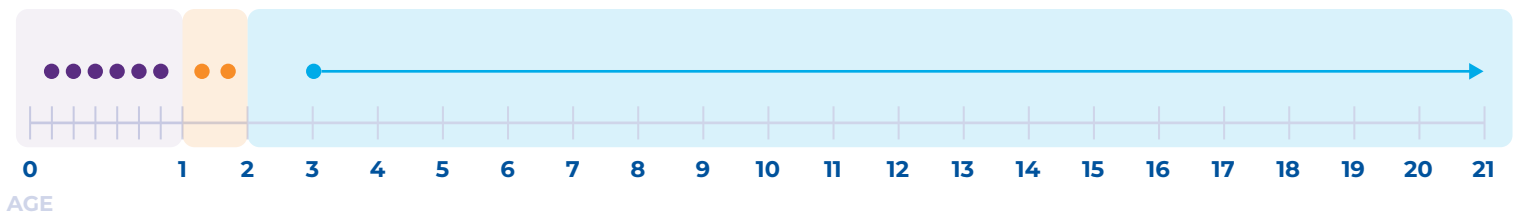
This brief is for physicians and clinicians **caring for infants, children, or adolescents** in a primary care setting — including Pediatricians, Family Medicine, and Pediatric APPs. If your panel includes patients from birth through age 21, the actions below apply to you.



OB/GYNs: A Well-Care Visit with an OB/GYN satisfies the Child & Adolescent Well-Care measure for female patients ages 12–21. If you perform annual Well-Care Visits for adolescents, accurate coding on your end can close a HEDIS gap.



VISIT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



First 15 Months
6 visits required:
Newborn, 1, 2, 4, 6,
and 9-12 month visits



15-30 Months
2 visits required:
15-month and
18-24 month visits



Ages 3-21
1 visit per year: One comprehensive Well-Care Visit with PCP or OB/GYN during the measurement year (2026)

PRIORITY PATIENTS



TIPS: If a patient is overdue, schedule the next visit now - don't wait for the family to call.



Infants turning
15 months with fewer than
6 well-child visits on record



Children ages 3–21
with no Well-Care Visit
documented in 2026



Toddlers turning 30 months
with fewer than 2 well-child
visits since 15 months



Patients **overdue** for
their next scheduled
well-visit.

NOTES

MHN provides your Care Gap Report — check your most recent report for patients with open gaps. Payer claims data typically lags **approximately 3 months**, so recent visits may not yet be reflected.

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KEY ACTIONS



Well-Child Visits (First 30 Months)

- » Confirm visit count before the patient's 15-month and 30-month birthdays
- » If a visit is missing, schedule it before the birthday cutoff whenever possible
- » Ensure each visit is coded as a well-child exam - not a sick visit
- » Document developmental screening, immunizations, and anticipatory guidance to support the well-visit record



Child & Adolescent Well-Care (Ages 3–21)

- » Review your panel for children ages 3–21 with no 2026 Well-Care Visit
- » Proactively reach out to families with overdue patients
- » A Well-Care Visit with an OB/GYN also satisfies this measure for female adolescents



At Every Well Visit

- » Use the correct well-child CPT code (new vs. established patient)
- » Pair the CPT code with the appropriate ICD-10-CM Z code to confirm HEDIS compliance
- » Avoid using sick-visit codes when the primary purpose of the encounter is preventive care
- » Capture the visit in the patient's record on the date of service



Closing Gaps Proactively

- » Use pre-visit gap reports from MHN to identify overdue patients before they arrive
- » Train front desk and nursing staff to flag well-visit gaps at check-in
- » Consider same-day scheduling for overdue well visits when a patient presents for another reason



**BRIDGE
THE GAP**

[Click to access the Well-Visit Gap Identification Guide](#)

Well-visit compliance is a team effort. Build a workflow that starts before the patient walks in the door:



Before the Visit

Review Care Gap Report; flag overdue well-visits in the schedule



At Check-In

Confirm visit type; alert care team if a gap exists



After the Visit

Verify correct CPT and ICD-10-CM codes are captured before the claim goes out

REMEMBER: Front desk staff, medical assistants, and nurses all play a role in identifying and closing gaps, not just the physicians and clinicians. The right code on the right visit is what makes it count.

DOCUMENTATION & CODING GUIDE

WELL-CHILD VISITS IN THE FIRST 30 MONTHS - CPT Codes

[CPT preventive medicine services](#)

New patient — infant or early childhood	99381, 99382
Established patient — infant or early childhood	99391, 99392

WELL-CHILD VISITS IN THE FIRST 30 MONTHS - ICD-10-CM Codes

[FY 2026 ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines](#)

Health supervision for newborn under 8 days old	Z00.110
Health supervision for newborn up to 28 days old	Z00.111
Routine child health exam with abnormal findings (ages 1–2)	Z00.121
Routine child health exam without abnormal findings (ages 1–2)	Z00.129

CHILD & ADOLESCENT WELL-CARE VISITS (AGES 3–21) - CPT Codes

Late childhood — new patient (ages 5–11)	99383
Late childhood — established patient (ages 5–11)	99393
Adolescent — new patient (ages 12–17)	99384
Adolescent — established patient (ages 12–17)	99394
Adult — new patient (age 18+)	99385
Adult — established patient (age 18+)	99395

CHILD & ADOLESCENT WELL-CARE VISITS (AGES 3–21) - ICD-10-CM Codes

[CDC ICD-10-CM Browser](#)

Routine child health exam with abnormal findings	Z00.121
Routine child health exam without abnormal findings	Z00.129
General adult medical exam without abnormal findings (age 18+)	Z00.00
General adult medical exam with abnormal findings (age 18+)	Z00.01



CODING REMINDERS

- » CPT codes must be paired with the appropriate ICD-10-CM Z code to be captured in HEDIS — [Coding and documentation guidance](#)
- » New patient vs. established patient status must be coded correctly - do not default to established for all visits
- » A sick-visit CPT code on the same date does not satisfy the well-visit requirement
- » For the 0–30-month measure, visit count and patient age at time of visit both matter - confirm the visit falls within the correct window
[NCQA W30 measure overview](#)
- » Well-Care Visits for female adolescents can be documented by OB/GYN and will still satisfy the measure for the Child & Adolescent Well-Care metric — [NCQA WCV measure overview](#)

Questions? Contact your MHN Quality Team

For Care Gap Reports, coding references, and additional resources, visit the [MHN website](#) or contact your Physician Relations Specialist.