

**Focus Measure Helpful Hints: Adolescent Well Care Visits (AWC)**

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**HOW TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE**

* Use appropriate billing code because it allows us to give credit for the measure without asking you or your team to review the record.
* Ensure that medical records include all components listed above for a comprehensive adolescent well-care visit.
* Convert sick visits and sports physicals into well-care visits by performing and submitting the appropriate codes for a well-care visit. You can then bill a well-care with a modifier for the sick visit or sports physical.
* Use a standardized template that meets the counseling requirements for the well-care visit.
* Train office staff to review EHR prior to visit to identify if a well-care visit is upcoming or overdue.
* Use EHR tools to send patients/parents electronic reminders of the need for adolescent well-care visits.

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| **MEASURE DESCRIPTION***\*Source: 2018 HEDIS Technical Specifications*Children 12 to 21 years of age who have had at least One (1) well-care visit with a PCP or OB/GYN during the measurement year. | **CORRECT BILLING CODES** |
| Codes to identify well-care visitsHEDIS 2018 Value Set OID 2.16.840.1.113883.3.464.1004.1262 |
| **WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE DOCUMENTATION?*** Health history
* Discuss health & social history
* Physical development history
* Discuss growth & development
* Mental development history
* Discuss mental health concerns
* Physical exam
* Head to toe exam
* Height, weight, BP, BMI
* Health education/anticipatory guidance

**EXCLUSIONS**Members in hospice (HEDIS 2017 Hospice Value Set)Members known to be deceased. | **Description** | **ICD-10 Codes** |
| Well Care Visits | Z00.129 – Encounter for routine child health exam without abnormal findings.Z00.121 – Encounter for routine child health exam with abnormal findings. Z00.00 – Encounter for general adult medical exam without abnormal findings.Z00.01 – Encounter for general adult medical exam with abnormal findings.  |
| **CPT Codes** |
| 99384, 99395 – Preventive visit, new age 12 – 17 99383, 99395 – Preventive visit, new age 18 – 39  |