

HEDIS® Measure

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

Data collection method:

Administrative (Claims)

Measure description:

The percentage of enrollees who had the following number of well-child visits with a PCP during the last 15 months.

The following rates are reported:

- Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months. Children who turned 15 months old during the measurement year: Six or more well-child visits.
- Well-Child Visits for Age 15 Months-30 Months. Children who turned 30 months old during the measurement year: Two or more well-child visits.

Numerator compliance:

Rate 1 - Well Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life:

Six or more well-child visits on different dates of service on or before the 15-month birthday.



Rate 2 - Well Child Visits for Ages 15 Months - 30 Months of Life: Two or more well-child visits on different dates of service between the child's 15-month birthday **plus 1 day** and the 30-month birthday.

Best practices:

- The well-child visit must occur with a PCP, but the PCP does not have to be the practitioner assigned to the child.
- Take advantage of every visit (including sick visits) to provide a well-child visit, immunizations, and lead testing.
- At the new patient visit and every future visit, schedule the next well-child visit appointment.
- Schedule visits within the recommended time frames.
- Use standardized templates in charts and EMRs that allow checkboxes for standard counseling activities.
- Based on the well visit schedule by the American Academy of Pediatrics – there are seven opportunities of capture these visits: Newborn (not just weight check) 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24, 30 months.
- Encourage parents/patients to maintain the relationship with a PCP to promote consistent and coordinated health care.
- Educate parents/patients on the importance of having preventive care visits.
- Remind patients of their appointment by making calls or sending texts.
- Make outreach calls and/or send letters to advise members of the need for a visit.
- Not allowed: Telehealth well visits.

There is a large list of approved codes used to identify services included in this measure. For more information see [HEDIS Measures and Technical Resources](https://www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures-and-technical-resources/) at NCQA.org

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