

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

### Patient Profile

MVP members 15 months of age who have had six or more comprehensive well-child visits with a PCP by their 15-month birthday. Preventive services may be rendered on visits other than well-child visits, but services specific to the assessment, or treatment of an acute or chronic condition alone do not count toward the measure.

An example would be a patient who presents for an otitis sick visit. The interim history and physical assessment are limited to the complaint, there is no developmental assessment, and the anticipatory guidance relates only to the illness.



### How to Implement Best Practices and Improve Performance

View each contact with a patient as an opportunity to discuss wellness and provide preventive services, such as delinquent immunizations. This is especially helpful to parents or guardians whose compliance with medical care cannot be ensured. For these patients, providers should also consider incorporating well components with sick visits.

- Document a well-rounded interim history (or complete birth history at the initial visit.) Examples include *parents or guardian concerns such as feeding, elimination, and sleep and behavior patterns since the last visit*. This must be done six or more times by the 15-month birthday.
- Document a developmental assessment, both physical and mental. Examples include “*Development is Appropriate for Age*” or “*Normal Development*”. In addition, you should make reference to cognitive behaviors, communication skills, and physical abilities. This must be done six or more times by the 15-month birthday.
- A Physical Exam that includes most, or all, of the major body systems. This must be done six or more times by the 15-month birthday.
- Anticipatory Guidance/Health Education should be documented during any discussion. In addition, provide printed materials during visits. Examples may include materials on nutritional guidance, infant safety, what to expect, physical abilities for age, and setting limits. This must be done six or more times by the 15-month birthday.
- Services may occur over multiple visits, as long as each of these four components is met by a PCP six or more times by the date of the 15-month birthday.
- Visit [Brightfutures.org](http://Brightfutures.org) for Best Practices related to preventive visits for infants, children, or adolescents. Using well-visit templates will satisfy all components of the measure.



### How Scheduling Staff Can Collaborate to Implement Best Practices and Improve Performance

- When a child comes for sick visits in-between preventive visits, please remind the parent(s) or guardian(s) about the importance of keeping the preventive appointments, even if they may be in close proximity.
- In addition, remind parent(s) or guardian(s) that there is no co-pay for preventive services or health maintenance visits.

Information related to all 2019 HEDIS measures has been extracted from the NCQA 2019 HEDIS Technical Specifications Volume 2.

## Billing Codes

### CPT Codes

99381-99385, 99391- 99395, 99461

### HCPCS Codes

G0438, G0439

### ICD-10 Codes Diagnosis Codes

Z00.00, Z00.01, Z00.110, Z00.111, Z00.121, Z00.129, Z00.5,  
Z00.8, Z02.0, Z02.1, Z02.2, Z02.3, Z02.4, Z02.5, Z02.6, Z02.71,  
Z02.79, Z02.81, Z02.82, Z02.83, Z02.89, Z02.9