

# Introduction to Well-Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

Ensuring children and adolescents receive timely and comprehensive preventive care is essential to promoting lifelong health and well-being. These assessments support early identification and management of physical, developmental, and behavioral health needs. Ultimately, this contributes to improved health outcomes for our members and reinforces our dedication to value-based care.



## Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV)

- Members 3–21 years of age need at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner annually. The well-care visit must occur with a PCP or OB/GYN
- Empower Healthcare Solutions allows 1 Well-Care Visit per birth year or up to two visits per calendar year to ensure our members receive quality care.
- Does not include telehealth visits or laboratory claims (with POS 81).

## Recommended Codes for Documenting Comprehensive Well-Care Visits:

CPT Codes: 99381-99385, 99391-99395

HCPCS Codes: S0610, S0612

*\*Providers can bill Well Child and Sick visits for the same date of service if one is billed with a modifier 25.*

## Ways Providers Can Improve Quality Outcomes for Members:

- Maximize all visit types.
  - Use every office encounter, including sick visits, to conduct well-care assessments, update immunizations, and document BMI percentiles.
- Convert sports or daycare physicals into well-child visits.
- Thorough documentation.
- Adhere to the Bright Futures schedule.
  - Follow the American Academy of Pediatrics periodicity guidelines to ensure timely and complete care.

### Reference:

NCQA, (2025). HEDIS® Technical Specifications for Health Plans: MY 2025 Volume 2. National Committee for Quality Assurance.

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