

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

"MQA pathway to surviving - Thriving in 2018 and beyond"

MEASURE DESCRIPTION	CORRECT BILLING CODES	
*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.	Codes to identify well-care visits HEDIS 2018 Value Set OID 2.16.840.1.113883.3.464.1004.1262	
WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE DOCUMENTATION?	Description	ICD-10 Codes
Health historyDiscuss health & social history	Well Care Visits	Z00.129 – Encounter for routine child health exam without abnormal findings.
Physical development historyDiscuss growth & development		Z00.121 – Encounter for routine child health exam with abnormal findings.
Mental development historyDiscuss mental health concerns		Z00.00 – Encounter for general adult medical exam without abnormal findings.
Physical examHead to toe exam		Z00.01 – Encounter for general adult medical exam with abnormal findings.
Height, weight, BP, BMI		CPT Codes
Health education/anticipatory guidance		99384, 99395 – Preventive visit, new age 12 – 17
EXCLUSIONS Members in hospice (HEDIS 2017 Hospice Value Set) Members known to be deceased.		99383, 99395 – Preventive visit, new age 18 – 39

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 in to 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.