

A helpful and complete guide to covered well-child visits

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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) developed a set of comprehensive health guidelines for well-child care. Known as the “periodicity schedule,” this screenings and assessments guideline provides a comprehensive schedule for each well-child visit, from infancy.

Schedule for well-child visits



The AAP recommends that children should have a total of **eight visits before their 30-month birthday (six visits before they are 15 months)** with annual visits thereafter. The AAP periodicity schedule aligns with the **well-child visits in the first 30 months of life (W30)** HEDIS® measure. Ensuring all visits are completed **before** the child’s 30-month birthday is critical to assuring compliance with these measures.

Complete coverage for well-child visits

Regardless of when visit is received

Well-child visits (WCV) are covered 100% **regardless of when the visit is received**. Payment is not dependent on a set schedule, so there is no requirement to wait for a milestone birth month to schedule the well-child visit.

HEDIS® measures W30 and WCV

Well-child visits in the first 30 months of life (W30)

Description: The percentage of members who had the following number of well-child visits with a PCP during the last 15 months. The following rates are reported:

1. Well-child visits in the first 15 months. Children who turned 15 months old during the measurement year: six or more well-child visits.
2. Well-child visits for age 15 month to 30 months. Children who turned 30 months old during the measurement year: two or more well-child visits.

Child and adolescent well-care visits

Description: The percentage of members 3 to 21 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a PCP or an OB/GYN practitioner during the measurement year.

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