

Coding Tip Sheet for Initial Health Assessment Visits for Children and Adults

CPT Codes	
Code	Definition
99381	Initial Comprehensive Preventive Visit (Under 1 year of age) – 1st Well Baby Visit
99382	New Patient, Early Childhood (Age 1 - 4 years) – Well Baby Visit
99383	New Patient, Late Childhood (Age 5 - 11 years) – Well Child Visit
99384	New Patient, Adolescent (Age 12 - 17 years) – Well Adolescent Visit
99385	New Patient, Adult (Age 18 - 39) – Well Adult Visit
99386	New Patient, Adult (Age 40 - 64) – Well Adult Visit
99387	New Patient, Adult (Age 65+) – Well Adult Visit

ICD-9 Codes	
Code	Definition
V20.2	Routine infant or child health check <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developmental testing of infant or child ▪ Immunizations appropriate for age ▪ Routine vision and hearing testing
V70.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Routine general medical examination at a health care facility
V70.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other medical examination for administrative purposes ▪ General medical examination for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adoption ▪ School admission ▪ Sports competition ▪ Camp ▪ Driving license ▪ Immigration and naturalization ▪ Insurance certification ▪ Marriage
V70.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health examination of defined subpopulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preschool children ▪ School children ▪ Students ▪ Inhabitants of institutions ▪ Occupational health examinations ▪ Pre-employment screening ▪ Armed forces personnel
V70.6	Health examination in population surveys
V70.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other specified general medical examinations ▪ Examination of potential donor of organ or tissue
V70.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unspecified general medical examination

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Components of a Complete Well Visit:

- Assessment of interval history – what has occurred since the previous well check with an evaluation of physical, behavioral and emotional growth and development
- Complete physical exam
- Age specific anticipatory guidance
- Review of the Staying Healthy Assessment Tools for each appropriate age

Coding Tips:

- If a patient comes in for a sick visit and you have the opportunity to do all of the components of a well check, include the appropriate “V” ICD-9 diagnosis code from Table 2 in one of the diagnostic fields on the claim or encounter form.
- If you don’t have time to complete all of the components of a well visit in one visit, schedule the patient back in a few weeks for the rest of the components and code that subsequent visit with the appropriate CPT code from Table 1 (all components do not have to occur in the same day)
- For physicians, the specialty must be coded as one of the following: pediatrics, family practice, internal medicine, general practice or OB-GYN
- Note that an OB/GYN can also complete a well visit for your patient

Chart Review Tips:

- Use standardized chart forms
- Take time to document ALL components of the well check
- Send in complete and accurate claims and encounter data
- Contact the members shown on your monthly case management lists that you have not yet seen for their next regular well visit.

Questions?

- If you have questions about your case management list, please call Provider Services, at 650-616-2106.
- For more information on well visit coding tips or for other resources about performing optimal well visits, please call HPSM’s Health Educator at 650-616-2170.