

Tips for Documenting and Coding WCC Visits

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Weight Assessment and Counseling in Children/Adolescents (WCC) is a measure that includes three components:

- Body Mass Index (BMI) Percentile
- Nutrition Counseling
- Physical Activity Counseling

In the member's medical record, providers need to **show documentation that each component of the WCC measure was discussed** with the patient, while utilizing the appropriate codes. The following tips will assist providers in accurately documenting and coding WCC visits.

Note: Nutritional counseling and physical activity counseling are integral to the preventive office visit and are not separately billable/payable.

BMI Percentile

During the appointment, providers must:

- Include height, weight, and BMI percentile during the measurement year.
 - Percentile must be documented as a value (80th percentile) or noted as >99% or <1% (Ranges such as "BMI 50–75th percentile" are NOT acceptable).

Note: Telehealth/virtual visits are acceptable.

Codes: ICD-10: Z68.51, Z68.52, Z68.53, Z68.54. (When providing multiple activities on a well visit, billing multiple diagnosis codes vs. multiple CPT codes reduces error.)

Nutrition Counseling

Providers must include a notation with a date for one of the following:

- Eating habits, dieting behaviors, well-rounded diet, snacking habits, etc.
- Types of food or meal frequency
- Checklist with nutrition noted as discussed
- Counseling or referral for nutrition education
- Educational materials provided during face-to-face visit, including a copy of the material on the medical record
- Weight or obesity counseling

Codes: ICD-10: Z71.3; CPT: 97802, 97803, 97804; HCPCS: G0270, G0271, G0447, S9449, S9452, S9470. (When providing multiple activities on a well visit, billing multiple diagnosis codes vs. multiple CPT codes reduces error.)

Physical Activity Counseling

Providers must include a note indicating the date and at least one of the following:

- Current physical activity behaviors (exercise, participation in sports, exam for sports)
- Checklist indicating physical activity was discussed
- Counseling or referral for physical activity
- Educational materials provided during face-to-face visit, include a copy of the material in the medical record
- Weight or obesity counseling

Codes: ICD-10: Z02.5, Z71.82; HCPCS: G0447, S9451. (When providing multiple activities on a well visit, billing multiple diagnosis codes vs. multiple CPT codes reduces error.)

Additional Information

- **Exclusions:** The following Hospice Exclusion codes apply to all three components of the WCC visit: CPT: 99377, 99378; and HCPCS: G0182.
- **Allegheny Health Network (AHN):** For those AHN providers utilizing the Express Lanes in Epic for well visits, all three WCC codes will load and appear when documentation is provided.
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