

MEASURE WCV-CH: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WELL-CARE VISITS

National Committee for Quality Assurance

A. DESCRIPTION

Percentage of children ages 3 to 21 who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care practitioner (PCP) or an obstetrician/gynecologist (OB/GYN) during the measurement year.

Data Collection Method: Administrative

Guidance for Reporting:

- This measure combines the former Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Years of Life (W34-CH) and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (AWC-CH) measures. The new measure includes rates for Ages 3 to 11, 12 to 17, 18 to 21, and a total rate. It is calculated using administrative data only.
- Report all services the state paid for or expects to pay for (i.e., claims incurred but not paid). Do not include services and days denied for any reason. If a child is enrolled retroactively, count all services for which the state paid or expects to pay.
- Beneficiaries in hospice are excluded from the eligible population. For additional information, refer to the hospice exclusion guidance in Section II. Data Collection and Reporting of the Child Core Set.
- Refer to [Appendix C](#) for the definition of a PCP.

The following coding systems are used in this measure: CPT, HCPCS, ICD-10-CM, SNOMED, and UB. Refer to the Acknowledgments section at the beginning of the manual for copyright information.

B. ELIGIBLE POPULATION

Age	Ages 3 to 21 as of December 31 of the measurement year. Report three age stratifications and a total rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ages 3 to 11 • Ages 12 to 17 • Ages 18 to 21 • Total ages 3 to 21
Continuous enrollment	The measurement year.
Allowable gap	No more than one gap in enrollment of up to 45 days during the continuous enrollment period. To determine continuous enrollment for a beneficiary for whom enrollment is verified monthly, the beneficiary may not have more than a 1-month gap in coverage (i.e., a beneficiary whose coverage lapses for 2 months [60 days] is not considered continuously enrolled).
Anchor date	December 31 of the measurement year.
Benefit	Medical.
Event/diagnosis	None.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIFICATION**Denominator**

The eligible population as defined above.

Numerator

One or more well-care visits (Well-Care Value Set) during the measurement year.

The well-care visit must occur with a PCP or an OB/GYN, but the practitioner does not have to be the practitioner assigned to the child.

D. ADDITIONAL NOTES

This measure is based on the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents (published by the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health). Visit the Bright Futures website for more information about well-child visits (<https://brightfutures.aap.org/materials-and-tools/guidelines-and-pocket-guide>).