

Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC)

New for 2025

- No applicable changes to this measure



Yes!
Supplemental
Data Accepted

Definition

Percentage of members ages 3–17 who had an outpatient visit with a primary care provider or OB-GYN and had evidence of the following during the measurement year:

- Body mass index (BMI) percentile
- Counseling for nutrition
- Counseling for physical activity

Plans(s) affected	Quality program(s) affected	Collection and reporting method
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Exchange/Marketplace • Medicaid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS Quality Rating System • NCQA Accreditation • NCQA Health Plan Ratings (BMI Percentile Only) 	<p>Hybrid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claim/encounter data • Medical record documentation

Codes

The following codes can be used to close HEDIS numerator gaps in care; they are not intended to be a directive of your billing practice.

BMI percentile	
ICD-10 Diagnosis	Z68.51, Z68.52, Z68.53, Z68.54
LOINC	59574-4, 59575-1, 59576-9
Counseling for nutrition	
ICD-10 Diagnosis	Z71.3
CPT®/CPT II	97802, 97803, 97804
HCPCS	G0270, G0271, G0447, S9449, S9452, S9470

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Counseling for nutrition

SNOMED	11816003, 61310001, 183059007, 183060002, 183061003, 183062005, 183063000, 183065007, 183066008, 183067004, 183070000, 183071001, 226067002, 266724001, 275919002, 281085002, 284352003, 305849009, 305850009, 305851008, 306163007, 306164001, 306165000, 306626002, 306627006, 306628001, 313210009, 370847001, 386464006, 404923009, 408910007, 410171007, 410177006, 410200000, 429095004, 431482008, 443288003, 609104008, 698471002, 699827002, 699829004, 699830009, 699849008, 700154005, 700258004, 705060005, 710881000, 1230141004, 14051000175103, 428461000124101, 428691000124107, 441041000124100, 441201000124108, 441231000124100, 441241000124105, 441251000124107, 441261000124109, 441271000124102, 441281000124104, 441291000124101, 441301000124100, 441311000124102, 441321000124105, 441331000124108, 441341000124103, 441351000124101, 445291000124103, 445301000124102, 445331000124105, 445641000124105
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Counseling for physical activity

ICD-10 Diagnosis	Z02.5, Z71.82
HCPCS	G0447, S9451
SNOMED	103736005, 183073003, 281090004, 304507003, 304549008, 304558001, 310882002, 386291006, 386292004, 386463000, 390864007, 390893007, 398636004, 398752005, 408289007, 410200000, 410289001, 410335001, 429778002, 710849009, 435551000124105

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Required exclusion(s)

Exclusion	Time frame
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members in hospice or using hospice services Members who died Members with a diagnosis of pregnancy 	<p>Any time during the measurement year</p>



Important notes

Medical record detail including, but not limited to

- For ages 3-17, a BMI **percentile** or BMI **percentile** plotted on an age growth chart meets compliance. An absolute BMI value will **not** meet compliance for this age range.
 - Always** record height and weight in a member's medical record
- BMI percentile ranges or thresholds will **not** meet compliance
 - This is true even for single ranges - for example, 17-18%
 - The only exception are values <1% or >99%
- Weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity can be completed at any appointment - not just a well-child visit. However, services specific to an acute or chronic condition will **not** meet compliance for counseling for nutrition or physical activity.
 - For example: Member has exercise-induced asthma or decreased appetite because of flu symptoms

- Growth charts with **percentile**
- History and physical
- Progress notes
- Vitals sheet
- After visit summary

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Tips and best practices to help close this care opportunity:

- Please check your Patient Care Opportunity Report (PCOR) or Practice Assist often to see members with open care opportunities. If you have questions, your UnitedHealthcare representative can help.
- **A BMI percentile is not the same as a BMI value. If your electronic medical record (EMR) system documents a BMI value and does not translate it to a BMI percentile in ranges, please work with your IT department. It is required to have a documented BMI percentile in a singular value.**
- For example: 18% instead of 17-18%
- Your EMR may include a plotted age growth chart for BMI percentile with the service date and a member's height and weight. Vital charts with this information will also close the gap.
- **Documentation of BMI percentile and counseling for nutrition or physical activity can be done at any time during the measurement year and on separate visits**
- Including a checklist in a member's medical record is a good way to make sure all measure components are completed. For example:
 - A notation of "well nourished" during a physical exam will not meet compliance for nutritional counseling. However, a checklist indicating that "nutrition was addressed" will.
 - A notation of "cleared for gym class" or "health education" will not meet compliance for physical activity counseling. However, a checklist indicating "physical activity was addressed" or evidence of a sports physical will.
- Provide parents of children ages 4 and older with age appropriate handout(s) that include a section on physical activity outside of developmental milestones. For example:
 - Recommended guidelines for amount of activity per day or week
- Discuss proper nutrition and promote physical activity with parents and members at every visit
- Talk with parents and members about nutrition and physical activity for at least 15 minutes at each well-child visit
- Be sure to document "MEAT" when counseling for obesity:
 - **M**anage the behavioral effects due to obesity
 - **E**valuate the behavioral effects of obesity
 - **A**ssess the level of obesity
 - **T**reat obesity
- If filing G0447 with a well-child visit, attach modifier 25 or 59 to the well-child procedure code so it's reviewed as a significant, separately identifiable procedure
 - Modifier 25 is used to indicate a significant and separately identifiable evaluation and management (E/M) service by the same

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physician on the same day another procedure or service was performed

- Modifier 59 is used to indicate that 2 or more procedures were performed at the same visit, but to different sites on the body
- BMI **percentiles** and evidence of counseling for nutrition and physical activity can be accepted as supplemental data, reducing the need for some chart review. Please contact your UnitedHealthcare representative to discuss clinical data exchange opportunities.
- Checklist indicating nutrition was addressed
- Counseling or referral for nutrition education
- Member received educational materials on nutrition during a face-to-face visit
- Anticipatory guidance for nutrition
- Weight or obesity counseling

Counseling may include:

- Discussion of current nutrition behaviors (e.g., eating habits, dieting behaviors)

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