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Re: Increasing Well-Child Visit Rates

Dear Provider:

The Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) serving Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids™ members in Georgia are committed to working with Primary Care Providers, to raise the Well-Child Visit (WCV) rates in the Medicaid population. This effort is in support of the State's target goal of 65.4% of members ages 0-15 months of age receiving at least (6) visits in the first 15 months of life. These members are eligible for WCVs according to the Bright Futures (2008) periodicity schedule that is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. We have enclosed a copy of the periodicity schedule for your review and a toolkit is available by accessing the [http://www.brightfutures.aap.org/clinical\\_practice.html](http://www.brightfutures.aap.org/clinical_practice.html) link.

It is required that the WCV encompass the following 5 components:

- A comprehensive health and developmental history (including assessment of both physical and mental health development);
- A comprehensive unclothed physical exam;
- Appropriate immunizations according to age and health history (unless medically contraindicated at the time);
- Laboratory tests (including lead blood level assessments at 12 and 24 months of age); and
- Health education (including anticipatory guidance)

**Objectives:**

- Schedule/perform WCV exams for members in the focus age range as noted in the monthly membership roster who are due a WCV (Please see the attached Well-Child Visit Periodicity Schedule.)
- Assess and document all required WCV components in order to report a WCV was performed.
- Indicate to your CMO if a child has had a WCV that you performed and documented (Please see the attached Billing Guide)

It is our goal to support your efforts to provide high quality Preventive Health Care to Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids™ members by getting complete information from you so we can accurately report the numbers that reflect your good efforts.

As a physician member of a CMO we appreciate your participation and support of this collaborative effort to help us surpass the State goal for WCV rates for CMO members that are 0-15 months old.

If you have any questions, please contact your provider relations representative of your CMO.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Bright Futures (2008) Periodicity Schedule

Attachment 2: Provider Billing Communication Guide



**Health Check and EPSDT Services**

Health Check is reimbursed as a package of services including age appropriate vision and hearing, hematocrit and dip stick urine. All preventive or well-child services, except normal newborn care in the hospital, must be billed under the Health Check program following the policies and procedures as outlined. The Health Check visit must encompass the following 5 components:

- A comprehensive health and developmental history (including assessment of both physical and mental health development);
- A comprehensive unclothed physical exam;
- Appropriate immunizations according to age and health history (unless medically contraindicated at the time);
- Laboratory tests (including lead blood level assessments at 12 and 24 months); and
- Health education (including anticipatory guidance)

Corresponding CPT Codes	
Well Child Visits for child < age 1 yr	
New Patient	99381
Established Patient	99391
Well Child Visits for child > age 1-4 yr	
New Patient	99382
Established Patient	99392

Corresponding ICD-9 Codes	
1 – 7 days of age	V20.31
8 – 28 days of age	V20.32
29 days of age and older	V20.2

**Place of Service Code**

- Federally Qualified Health Center [FQHC] – enter Place of Service code 50
- Rural Health Clinic [RHC] –enter Place of Service code 72
- Physician’s Office - enter Place of Service code 11\*
- Public Health Clinic - enter Place of Service code 71
- Other Place of Service - enter Place of Service code 99\*

\*Federally Qualified Health Center [FQHC] and Rural Health Clinic [RHC] CANNOT BILL POS 11 or 99

**Commonly Used Modifiers**

- 25= Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service.
- EP= Service provided as part of Medicaid EPSDT program

**EPSDT Referral Code**

- NU (when no referral needed)
- AV (patient refused referral)
- S2 (patient currently under treatment)
- ST (patient referred)

**Abnormal Findings during a Health Check Visit**

Only office visit code **99201, 99211 or 99212** can be billed for treatment in conjunction with an abnormal finding during a Health Check screen. Abnormal Findings should be documented using the appropriate ICD-9 code associated with the finding (493.92 asthma with acute exacerbation). This must be used in place of V20.2.

**Interperiodic Vision or Hearing Screen**

An Interperiodic vision or hearing screen cannot be provided on the same date of service as a complete Health Check screen.

**Please use appropriate codes that map to the child’s age  
Refer to the CMO website for current immunization procedures**

Note: Effective July 2010, well child visit billing will be revised; please contact the CMO you are participating with or refer to the July 2010 Health Check Manual available at <https://www.ghp.georgia.gov/> on July 1, 2010.