



Each of the following indicators must be addressed during the patient’s visit and documented in the medical record to close gaps in patient care for Weight Assessment and Counseling (WCC) measures.

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

Only specific ICD-10-CM, CPT and HCPCS codes will fulfill these measures, according to HEDIS® 2019 Technical Specifications for Physician Measurement criteria.

Following are frequently asked questions and answers.

<p>1. How do I fulfill the BMI percentile measure to meet the pediatric WCC measure?</p>	<p>To fulfill the BMI percentile measure, use the appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnosis code (i.e., Z68.51-Z68.54). The diagnosis code must be present on the claim. Also, the BMI percentile or growth chart must be noted in the patient’s medical record for that date-of-service.</p>
<p>2. How do I fulfill the nutritional counseling measure to meet the pediatric WCC measure?</p>	<p>To fulfill the nutritional counseling measure, either use ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z71.3, CPT procedure codes 97802-97804 or HCPCS codes G0270, G0271, G0447, S9449, S9452 or S9470 on the claim. Nutritional counseling must be documented in the patient’s medical record for the date-of-service on the claim (whichever code applies to the patient).</p>
<p>3. How do I fulfill the physical activity counseling measure to meet the pediatric WCC measure?</p>	<p>To fulfill the physical activity counseling measure, use either HCPCS codes G0447, S9451 or ICD-10-CM code Z02.5 or Z71.82 on the claim. Physical activity counseling must be documented in the patient’s medical record with BMI height, weight and percentile for the date-of-service on the claim (whichever code applies to the patient).</p>
<p>4. Will using HCPCS code G0447 give my patient an obesity diagnosis, although the infant/child isn’t obese?</p>	<p>No. HCPCS code G0447 will bundle with an E&M office visit code, and close the open gap in care. Thus, not causing an erroneous obesity diagnosis to be assigned.</p>
<p>5. Will HCPCS code G0447 bundle with an E&M office visit? When should modifier 25 be used?</p>	<p>Yes. HCPCS code G0447 will bundle with an office visit if it is submitted on the same day. If more counseling is required, modifier 25 can be appended to the E&M office visit when a charge is submitted for G0447. If the patient only needs counseling for obesity prevention, G0447 can be used on a claim with a \$0 amount so that the gap can be closed.</p>

<p>6. How does the BMI diagnosis code impact the claim when used with HCPCS code G0447?</p>	<p>ICD-10-CM diagnosis code (Z68.** category codes) is required on the claim and will be used to help determine if the child is obese. Submit the appropriate BMI diagnosis code when using the Weight Assessment and Counseling codes to ensure the correct diagnosis is received for your patients.</p>
<p>7. What are the age ranges for the Weight Assessment Nutrition and Counseling measure, and who is included?</p>	<p>This measure applies to children between the ages of 3 and 17 who have received nutrition and physical activity counseling during an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN. Note that a pregnancy diagnosis excludes a patient from this measure. Be sure the diagnosis is documented in the patient's medical record.</p>

Refer to *Pediatric Quality Initiative* for information on additional pediatric measures.

- HEDIS: Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
- ICD-10-CM: International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition, Clinical Modification
- CPT: Current Procedural Terminology
- HCPCS: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System
- E&M: Evaluation and Management
- PCP: Primary Care Physician
- OB/GYN: Obstetrician/Gynecologist

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