

Coding Best Practices: Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents (WCC)

As NCQA moves to electronic data collection, Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents (WCC) HEDIS measure is proposed to be electronic clinical data systems (ECDS) reporting only in measurement year 2027. **It is imperative to code for BMI, nutrition and physical activity for children and adolescent in an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN or your rate will be negatively impacted.**

HEDIS Measure Description:

The percentage of patients 3–17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a PCP or OB/GYN and who had evidence of the following during the measurement year.

- BMI (Body Mass Index) percentile documentation.
- Counseling for nutrition.
- Counseling for physical activity.

Data Collection:

- **Hybrid:** Claims data supplemented by chart review through MY2026.
- **Admin:** In MY 2027, rates will reflect claims data only

Neighborhood's MY2023 WCC Administrative and Hybrid Rates:

BMI					
BMI (ADMIN)			BMI (HYBRID)		
Numerator	Denominator	Rate	Numerator	Denominator	Rate
31382	45242	69.36%	230	250	92.00%

Nutrition					
Nutrition (ADMIN)			Nutrition (HYBRID)		
Numerator	Denominator	Rate	Numerator	Denominator	Rate
17277	45242	38.19%	205	250	82.00%

Physical Activity					
Physical Activity (ADMIN)			Physical Activity (HYBRID)		
Numerator	Denominator	Rate	Numerator	Denominator	Rate
14404	45242	31.84%	201	250	80.40%

Codes Included in the current HEDIS Measure®:

BMI (BODY MASS INDEX) PERCENTILE

ICD-10	Z68.51, Z68.52, Z68.53, Z68.54
LOINC	59574-4, 59575-1, 59576-9

COUNSELING FOR NUTRITION

CPT	97802, 97803, 97804
HCPCS	G0270, G0271, G0447, S9449, S9452, S9470
ICD-10	Z71.3

COUNSELING FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

HCPCS	G0447, S9451
ICD-10	Z02.5, Z71.82

Best Practices:

- Use appropriate codes to prepare for future transition to ECDS reporting.
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits and sports physicals) to code BMI percentile, counsel on nutrition and physical activity.

**“Remember:
If you don’t code,
it didn’t happen.”**

