

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

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

COUNSELING FOR NUTRITION

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

COUNSELING FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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| 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.”**

