Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Years of Life – W34

Intent: Identify members who had one or more well-child visits with a PCP during the measurement year.

Age: 3-6 years of age
Product Lines: Commercial, Medicaid
Timeframe: The measurement year

At a minimum for compliance, a well-child visit in the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th year of life requires the following component:

1. Documentation of a PCP visit including 1) health history, 2) physical developmental history, 3) mental developmental history, 4) physical exam, 5) health education/anticipatory guidance

Practitioner Type:
Primary care provider (PCP). Does not have to be the patient’s assigned PCP.

How to submit compliant data:
Encounters/claims, supplemental data and medical records

Tips and Recommendations
Examples of acceptable documentations:
Health history – Notations of patient’s history (e.g., past medical issues or hospitalizations, history reviewed/updated or “No Changes”), immunization history/allergies/medications noted on the same date of service (all 3 components required), family history, or a problem list with evidence of review done by the PCP.
Physical development – Notation of patients with appropriate development for age, ability to hop/draw/throw a ball
Mental development – Notation of patients behaving appropriately for age, developmental milestones met
Physical exam – Two or more body systems not related to the visit (e.g., HEENT, cardiovascular, respiratory)
Health education/anticipatory guidance – Discussion on health educational topics (e.g., safety/injury prevention, diet/nutrition, parenting practices)

Reporting Requirement: HEDIS®, NYS QARR