

Pediatric PCM information

Same day wellness and sick visits

When a child comes in for a sick visit and is due for a preventive visit, you may complete a well-child assessment, in addition to rendering for the presenting problem.

Why is this update necessary?

We want to ensure our beneficiaries get the preventive care they need.

What guidelines should be followed?



Early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment criteria applies:

- Health and developmental history
- Physical exam
- Laboratory tests as appropriate for the age of the child
- Immunizations (use all visits, preventive and sick, if medically appropriate)
- Health education and age-appropriate anticipatory guidance (including schedule of care and dental referral)

Allowable sick visits when billing with a wellness visit

Allowable sick visit CPT codes with required modifier	Time description	Evaluation and Management (E&M) description
99201-25	e.g., 10-minute	New patient E&M visit
99211-25	e.g., 5-minute	Established patient E&M visit
99212-25	e.g., 10-minute	Established patient E&M visit



Bill the age appropriate early periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment visit ICD-10-CM codes and the age appropriate CPT codes using one of the appropriate sick visit E&M codes with the modifier 25.

Note: Modifier 25 must be billed with the applicable E&M code for the allowed sick visit. When modifier 25 is not billed appropriately, the sick visit is denied. Appropriate diagnosis codes must also be filed for both wellness and sick visits. Appropriate diagnosis codes must be billed for respective visits.

