

# A FEW ANSWERS

## TO YOUR CHILD HEALTH CHECK-UP QUESTIONS

Members of WellCare/HealthEase are entitled to receive a comprehensive package of preventive health care. Here are some questions and answers to help you conduct, document and bill for the Child Health Check-Up (CHCU) exam.

**Question:** How often should a member receive a CHCU exam?

**Answer:** CHCU exams should be administered as follows:

• 0-4 Weeks	• 2 Years
• 2 Months	• 3 Years
• 4 Months	• 4 Years
• 6 Months	• 5 Years
• 9 Months	• 6 Years
• 12 Months	• Yearly up to age 20
• 15-18 Months	

**Question:** What must I do to perform a CHCU exam?

**Answer:** A CHCU exam has three components that must be provided:

- A comprehensive health history—includes an assessment of physical and mental development
- A comprehensive unclothed exam
- Health education, including anticipatory guidance

**Question:** To assure I get credit for doing a CHCU exam, how should I document it in my patient's record?

**Answer:** Documentation in the medical record must include a note indicating a visit with a primary care practitioner, the date the CHCU visit occurred, and evidence of all three of the required components listed above.

There are several forms available that can assist you in assuring you have documented correctly.

- You will find forms in your WellCare Provider Manual (in the Forms section).
- Georgetown University's Bright Futures program at: [www.brightfutures.org/encounter/provider/index.html](http://www.brightfutures.org/encounter/provider/index.html)
- Michigan State University's Institute for Health Care Studies at: [http://www.ihcs.msu.edu/qi\\_early\\_periodic\\_screening.html](http://www.ihcs.msu.edu/qi_early_periodic_screening.html)

**Question:** How do I bill for CHCU exams?

**Answer:** Please bill for a CHCU exam using the following codes:

Age of Child	New Patient	Established Patient
0-1 years of age	99381	99391
1-4 years of age	99382	99392
5-11 years of age	99383	99393
12-17 years of age	99384	99394
18-20 years of age	99385	99395

Acceptable ICD-9 code: V20.2

Please be sure to use the correct CPT code based on the patient's age.