

Weight Assessment and Counseling

HEDIS® Provider Guide:

Measure Description

Children 3-17 years of age who had an outpatient visit with a primary care physician or OB/GYN and who had evidence of the following during the measurement year:

- BMI Percentile documentation or BMI percentile plotted on agegrowth chart (height, weight and BMI percentile must be documented).
- **Counseling for Nutrition** or referral for nutrition education.
- Counseling for Physical Activity or referral for physical activity.

Using Correct Billing Codes

Codes to Identify BMI Percentile, Counseling for Nutrition and Counseling for Physical Activity

| Description | Codes | |
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| BMI Percentile | ICD-10: | |
| | Z68.51 | Underweight - Less than the 5 th |
| | | percentile for age |
| | Z68.52 | Healthy Weight - 5 th percentile to less |
| | | than the 85 th percentile for age |
| | Z68.53 | Overweight - 85 th percentile to less than |
| | | the 95 th percentile for age |
| | Z68.54 | <i>Obese</i> - Greater to or equal to the 95 th |
| | | percentile |
| Counseling | CPT: 97802-97804 | |
| for Nutrition | ICD-10: Z71.3 | |
| Counseling | ICD-10: Z02.5 | |
| for Physical | | |
| Activity | | |

How to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Use appropriate HEDIS[®] measure diagnosis and procedure codes to avoid medical review.
- Avoid missed opportunities by taking advantage of every office visit (including sick visits and sports physicals) to capture BMI percentile and counseling on nutrition and physical activity.
- Place BMI percentile charts near scales (<u>http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/</u>)
 - When documenting BMI percentile, include:
 - Height, weight and BMI percentile
- When counseling for nutrition, document:

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- Current nutrition behaviors (e.g., appetite or meal patterns, eating and dieting habits)
- When counseling for physical activity, document:
 - o Physical activity counseling (e.g., child rides tricycle in the yard)
 - Current physical activity behaviors (e.g., exercise routine, participation in sports activities and exam for sports participation)
 - Merely documenting 'cleared for sports' does not count towards the HEDIS[®] measure, but a sports physical with documentation supporting elements of preventative medicine does count.