

To: MDwise Hoosier Alliance Providers

Subject: Scheduling and conducting well-child visits

From: MDwise Hoosier Alliance

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As parents begin to prepare their children for the start of the new school year, MDwise Hoosier Alliance would like to encourage providers to examine children as part of a well-child visit. Well-child visits are important checkups that enable doctors to make sure children are growing well physically and emotionally.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends well-child visits at these ages:

- Within three to five days after birth
- At 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, and 12 months
- At 15 months, 24 months, and 30 months
- Every year after the age of 3

Special development and behavioral assessments are recommended throughout childhood, including screenings for autism at 18 and 24 months. Well-child visits are also an appropriate occasion to give patients vaccines and screen for lead and tuberculosis. For a complete list of recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, please visit:

<http://practice.aap.org/popup.aspx?aID=1625&language=>

MDwise Hoosier Alliance realizes the importance of every office visit. Often times, you may only have a single opportunity to perform an examination. This is why MDwise Hoosier Alliance allows you to bill for both a sick and well-child visit during the same office visit.

Let practice management tools such as NaviNet and ikaProHEDIS+ assist your office in the scheduling process for well-child visits. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact your Account Executive.