

Care4Kids Billing and Coding Frequently Asked Questions

To help you better understand what to expect, we've provided some answers to some frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding billing and coding.

Q. I am scheduled to see a child for a 30-day comprehensive initial health assessment. How do I code this exam?

A. You should code that examination as a well-child check, or a health check.

- New patient: 99381 to 99384
- Established patient: 99391 to 99394
- Sick child: 99211 to 99215

Q. Children in foster care receive well-child visits at increased frequency. Will I get paid for a well-child check at this increased frequency?

A. Yes. The increased periodicity is based upon the following American Academy of Pediatrics best practice guidelines:

- Every month for the first 6 months of age
- Every three months between ages 6 months and 2 years of age
- Twice per year after 2 years of age

Q. If a child received a well-child check two months ago and I am seeing him today for a 30-day comprehensive examination, will I get paid?

A. Yes. Even if the child had a well-child check just before coming into custody, the state requires that the child have a comprehensive health examination within 30 days of placement. This exam should be billed as a well-child exam and it will be paid.

Q. Do I need to use a modifier 32 when I bill for a well-child exam?

A. No. Please DO NOT use a modifier when billing for well-child checks in Care4Kids.

Q. Can I get paid for conducting a developmental screen using a standardized tool (e.g., Ages and Stages Questionnaire, Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, etc.) for a child enrolled in Care4Kids?

A. Yes. Please code the screen using the 96110. You can associate the code with billing diagnosis V79.9: "Screening for unspecified mental disorder and developmental handicap"

Q. Can I get paid for conducting a mental health screen using a standardized tool (e.g., Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Social Emotional; Pediatric Symptom Checklist 17; etc.) for a child enrolled in Care4Kids?

A. Yes. Please code the screen using the 96110. You can associate the code with billing diagnosis V79.9: "Screening for unspecified mental disorder and developmental handicap"
