Overview
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan covers Well Child Visits, also known as Preventive Medicine visits. To help your practice when you bill for these services, please use this reference guide, which outlines the CPT codes to use and the different services covered under Preventive Medicine. This can help us reimburse you in a timely and accurate manner for the services you provide to our members.

Preventive Medicine Services
The comprehensive nature of Preventive Medicine reflects an age- and gender-appropriate examination. Use the following CPT codes 99381-99387, and 99391-99397 for physical and well child examinations, which are separate from disease-related diagnoses.

Preventive Medicine Services and Problem-Oriented Evaluation/Management (E/M) Services
A Preventive Medicine CPT code or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code, and a Problem-Oriented Evaluation/Management (E/M) CPT code may both be submitted for the same patient by the same specialty physician or other health care professional on the same date of service.
- If the E/M code represents a significant, separately-identifiable service and is submitted with modifier 25 appended, we'll reimburse the Preventive Medicine code plus the Problem-Oriented E/M code.
- We will not reimburse a Problem-Oriented E/M code that does not represent a significant, separately identifiable service and is not submitted with modifier 25 appended.

Screening Services
If you are billing for screening services, use the following codes:
- **Vision screening**: CPT codes 99173, 99174, and 99177
- **Hearing screening**: CPT codes 92551, 92552, and 92558
- When these screenings are billed with an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Preventive Medicine code on the same date of service by the same specialty physician or other health care professional for members under age 21, both the Preventive Medicine code and the screening code will be paid.
- We use Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) rules and appropriate modifiers for reimbursement of screening services.

Prolonged Services
Prolonged Services codes represent add-on services that are reimbursed when reported in addition to an appropriate primary E/M service.
- Preventive Medicine Services are not designated as appropriate primary codes for the Prolonged Services codes.
- When Prolonged Service add-on codes are billed with a Preventive Medicine code on the same date of service by the same specialty physician or other health care professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.
- If a Preventive Medicine code represents a significantly, separately identifiable E/M code and prolonged service code are billed, we will reimburse for the Prolonged Service code according to the NCCI rules and appropriate modifiers.

Counseling Services
Use the following CPT codes 99411, 99412 for Preventive Medicine Services that include counseling:
- When these codes are billed with a Preventive Medicine code on the same date of service by the same specialty physician or other health care professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed because counseling, anticipatory guidance and risk factor reduction interventions are integral to a Preventive Medicine visit.
Medical Nutrition Therapy Services
Use the following CPT codes 97802, 97803, 97804 for medical nutrition therapy assessment and/or intervention performed by a physician, and report the E/M code or Preventive Medicine Service code.
- When Medical Nutrition Therapy codes are billed with a Preventive Medicine code on the same date of service by same specialty physician or other health care professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.

Visual Function and Visual Acuity Screening
When visual function screening is billed with a Preventive Medicine code on the same date of service by the same specialty physician or other health care professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.

Medicaid payers are required to follow CMS NCCI rules for bundled services. Visual screening codes are bundled with Preventive Medicine codes and reimbursed as follows:
- CPT code 99172: Visual function screening is included in the Preventive Medicine Services and is not reimbursed separately.
- CPT code 99173: Visual acuity screening is reimbursed separately for members younger than 21.
- CPT codes 99174 and 99177: Instrument-based ocular screening including report using photoscreening is proven and medically necessary for vision screening for one of the following:
  - As a mass screening instrument for children ages 1-3 (ends on 4th birthday).
  - Children ages 4 and older who are developmentally delayed and are unable or unwilling to cooperate with routine visual acuity screening.
  - Instrument-based ocular screening using photoscreening is unproven and not medically necessary for all other patient populations including children younger than 1. More age-appropriate screening methods are available for these populations.
- Please send claims for visual function and visual acuity screenings along with medical records to:
  UnitedHealthcare Community Plan
  P.O. Box 5220
  Kingston, NY 12402

Developmental Screening
Use CPT codes 96110, 96127, 96160, 96161 for developmental screening with interpretation and report.
- Since a physician obtains developmental information as part of a Preventive Medicine service for an infant or child, and it is sometimes obtained in the form of a questionnaire completed by the parents, we expect that this code will be reported in addition to the Preventive Medicine visit only if the screening meets the code description.
- Report the specific CPT code for developmental screening or other similar screening or testing, only when the testing or screening results in an interpretation and report by the physician is entered into the medical record, and is separate and distinct from the Preventive Medicine service.

Sports Physicals and EPSDT Services
Athletes are usually provided the History and Clearance form by the school to complete prior to the sports physical.
- Sports physicals are not a covered benefit.
- Turning the sports physical into a complete Preventive Medicine visit meets the sports physical requirement and also meets the EPSDT requirements, and would be a covered benefit.

We're Here to Help
If you have any questions, please call Provider Services at 800-690-1606. Thank you.