

WELL CHILD VISIT - Coverage Consent

Do you know what a Well Visit covers? We have found that there are as many different interpretations as there are patients and very few are correct. This is due to the world of insurance. Insurance dictates what will be covered in a well visit and what would be considered additional care.

An annual Well Care Visit is considered *Preventive Medicine* visit as defined by the American Medical Association. It is an Initial (new patient) or Periotic (established patient) comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling, anticipatory guidance, risk factor reduction interventions and the ordering of lab/diagnostic procedures. The counseling, guidance, risk factor reduction must be tied to the examination and the cover areas of health based on nutrition exercise and normal physical development.

Insurance coverage does not include counseling, risk factor reduction interventions not provided with a preventive medical exam. In other words, if the issue does not fit within the actual preventive care exam, you may incur an additional charge. Don't be afraid to ask your provider if your topic/question is covered under the Well Care exam. If it is not, your provider may ask you to schedule another appointment to allow enough time to review all medical concerns and appropriate management.

Even if your doctor has asked about any concerns or questions, you may have or brings up problems they might find; if your topic is out of the realm of the well exam based on insurance, requires additional time, referral, or testing, it will be coded as such and that is what determines the additional charge, if any.

I have read and understand the above stateme	ent
Patient Name:	Date:
Parent Name:	Parent Signature: