

# Wellness vs. problem visits for kids

## Helping families understand their options and cost

<b>Wellness visit scenario 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exam based on child's age and growth.</li><li>• Guidance on nutrition, safety, and healthy habits.</li><li>• Monitoring milestones and development.</li><li>• Keeping immunizations and screenings up to date.</li></ul>	<b>Problem visit scenario 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss any new health concern, illness or injury.</li><li>• Care for ongoing conditions such as asthma or ADHD.</li><li>• Adjust medications or treatment plans.</li></ul>	<b>Wellness and problem visit scenario 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If time permits, we try our best to address problems and concerns at wellness visits.</li><li>• <b>Federal law requires coding and billing for both parts separately.</b></li><li>• You may see charges for wellness and problem care.</li></ul>
<b>Often covered at little or no cost to families.</b>	<b>Insurance may require a copay or shared cost.</b>	<b>Insurance may require a copay or shared cost (often less than paying for two separate visits).</b>

### Helpful questions for insurance

- Is my child's annual wellness visit covered?
- What immunizations, labs, or screenings are included?
- What costs will I pay if a **problem is discussed** during a wellness visit?

**Questions? Call our billing team at 617-965-6700.**



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