**PAPER CLIP—WELL CHILD 0-15 MONTHS**

**Description:** Well child is a comprehensive and periodic screening checkup for an infant. The purpose is to identify potential health problems or handicapping conditions, provide diagnosis and treatment for problems and conditions, check on infant development and milestones and encourage the development of good health habits.

**Possible Cause:** For infants, ages 0-15 months. Visits should be scheduled at ages: 0-1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months and 15 months.

**Diagnostic Tests:** Complete physical exam, measure child’s height, weight and check hearing and vision. Immunizations will be given as age appropriate (Rotavirus, DTaP, Hib, Pneumococcal, IPV, Influenza, MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis A & B.

**Conversation with Member:**

- **General opening such as:** “How are things going with your with your child?”
- **Offer information:** “I have some information to share with you regarding the evaluation of your child’s health and development.”
- **Get more specific:** It is recommended that your child is seen by your provider in their first month of life, at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months and 15 months (your provider may vary the schedule somewhat). It is important to get the immunizations your child needs to avoid any illnesses or disabilities. Your provider will give the information you need for this schedule at the time of the visit.
- **Lifestyle impacts & Medical Tx options:** The visits will help determine the dietary needs of your child and how you can progress the diet of your child. They will also help you know if your child is meeting their milestones for development and ideas to increase activities for your child.
- **Review the member’s plan of action:** “Can we plan on following up with your provider for well child visits? We can help with appointments, if needed.”

**References:**
- Bright Futures
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- CDC