General Information on the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

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Important Notes

- IPPE is only performed during first 12 months after a patient enrolls in Medicare. Any wellness visits after the initial year are AWV (initial for first one and subsequent thereafter).
- Always determine the patient’s eligibility for the visit to ensure reimbursement. If the patient is eligible for an IPPE or AWV, billing codes are:
  
  Welcome to Medicare Exam       G0402
  Initial Annual Wellness Visit   G0438
  Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit G0439

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- The AWV is NOT a routine problem focused medical visit or physical exam; however, the AWV can be conducted in conjunction with a routine visit to avoid scheduling appointments on different days if patients have conditions that require attention.
### COMPARISON OF INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (IPPE), 1ST ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT (AWV) AND SUBSEQUENT AWV

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<td>Medical</td>
<td>PMSHx, Medications (including Supplements), FHx, ATD use, Diet, Physical activity</td>
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<td>Depression</td>
<td>Use screening instrument</td>
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<td>For high risk patients</td>
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<td>Risk Assessment</td>
<td>Hearing, ADLs, Fall, and Home safety assessment using screening questions</td>
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<td>Measurements</td>
<td>Ht, Wt, BP, Vision, BMI, and other appropriate measurements based on history</td>
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<td>End of life planning</td>
<td>If patient agrees (see Advanced Directive)</td>
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<td>Providers</td>
<td>Complete list of providers and suppliers</td>
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<td>Education, counseling, and referral</td>
<td>As appropriate based on above components. Refer for preventive services and risk factor modification.</td>
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<td>Provide written Personal Preventive Plan Services (PPPS)</td>
<td>Checklist</td>
<td>Written screening schedule (5-10 years); List of mental health conditions and other risk factors with treatment options and risks and benefits; personalized health advice including lifestyle intervention (with community resources), fall prevention, nutrition, physical activity, tobacco-use cessation, weight loss</td>
<td>Update written screening schedule; update risk factors; personalized health advice as for 1st AWV with community referrals</td>
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<td>Additional procedures</td>
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PMSHx-past medical and surgical history; FHx-family history; ATD-alcohol/tobacco use disorder; ADL-activities of daily living; HRA-health risk assessment; BP-blood pressure; BMI-Body mass index; US-ultrasound; AAA-abdominal aortic aneurysm; EKG-electrocardiogram
# Overview of the Components of the AWV

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<td>Health Risk Assessment (HRA)</td>
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<td>• Health behaviors: smoking, alcohol, diet, exercise, sleep</td>
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<td>Medical/Family History</td>
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<td>• PMHSx, hospitalizations, injuries, meds (including supplements and OTCs),</td>
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<td>allergies,</td>
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<td>• Family Hx (hereditary illnesses)</td>
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<td>Screen for depression and mood disorders</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>If at risk</td>
<td>Use appropriate screening tool designed for this purpose</td>
<td>Section 3: PHQ-2/9, GDS-5 or WEMWBS</td>
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<td>Review functional ability and level of safety</td>
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<td>Through direct observation or appropriate screening assess for:</td>
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<td>• Hearing impairment</td>
<td>• Stay Independent (self-report fall risk questionnaire – 12 questions)</td>
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<td>• Vision (ask about any issues and last vision check)</td>
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<td>Height, weight, BMI or waist circumference, BP, others as indicated</td>
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<td>List of medical providers and suppliers</td>
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<td>Persons/entities involved in medical care of patient</td>
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<td>Assess for cognitive impairment</td>
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<td>Screening schedule</td>
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<td>Schedule of preventive services needed for patient, based on age, screening</td>
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<td>history, USPSTF/ACIP recommendations and coverage by Medicare; develop</td>
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<td>List of conditions/risk factors for which 1°, 2° or 3° interventions recommended</td>
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<td>List of conditions and treatment options with associated risks/benefits</td>
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<td>Personalized health advice and referrals as appropriate</td>
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<td>Recommendations for improved health and referrals, if indicated, for lifestyle</td>
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<td>interventions, weight loss, physical activity, tobacco cessation, fall</td>
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<td>prevention, nutrition, mental health services, others</td>
<td>Section 6: Educational materials</td>
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Verify eligibility for AWV

Medicare > 1 yr and no AWV or IPPE in last 12 mo?

YES

Schedule visit, mail patient materials (tab 2)

Patient arrives for visit

Staff measures BP, height and weight, calculates BMI

Staff reviews HRA, highlights problem areas

Staff scores PHQ-2 (Questions 34 & 35 on HRA)

Score > 3? YES

Administer PHQ-9 and score

NO

Staff administers and scores Mini-Cog

Staff reviews fall risk self-assessment, administer TUG

Staff documents results of above on page 3 of HRA, compiles documents for provider

Patient sees provider; provider reviews assessments and obtains further information as needed

Provider fills out preventive plan (tab 4) and discusses with patient, indicates information and referrals

Staff provides information and referrals as needed; patient leaves office

Repeat in one year!

Not eligible
Do not schedule

Not eligible
Do not schedule
Medicare covers an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) providing Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS) for beneficiaries who:

- Are not within the first 12 months of their first Medicare Part B coverage period; and
- Have not received an Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) or AWV within the past 12 months.

This document is divided into two sections: the first explains the elements of a beneficiary’s initial AWV; the second explains the elements of all subsequent AWVs. You must provide all elements of the AWV prior to submitting a claim for the AWV.


### Health Risk Assessment (HRA)

The AWV includes a Health Risk Assessment (HRA). While you can find a brief summary of the minimum elements in the HRA below, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) “A Framework for Patient-Centered Health Risk Assessments: Providing Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services to Medicare Beneficiaries” includes sections about:

- The history of HRAs;
- Definition of the HRA framework and rationale for its use;
- HRA use and follow-up interventions that evidence suggests can influence health behaviors; and
- A suggested set of HRA questions.

For more information about HRAs, including a sample HRA, refer to [http://www.cdc.gov/policy/hst/hra/FrameworkForHRA.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/policy/hst/hra/FrameworkForHRA.pdf) on the CDC website.
Initial AWV Components: Applies for the First Time a Beneficiary Receives an AWV

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<td>☐ Administer HRA</td>
<td>- Collects self-reported information from the beneficiary;</td>
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<td>- You or the beneficiary can complete the HRA before or during the AWV encounter;</td>
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<td>- Accounts for the communication needs of underserved populations, persons with limited English proficiency, and persons with health literacy needs and is appropriately tailored to their needs;</td>
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<td>- Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), including, but not limited to: dressing, bathing, and walking; and</td>
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<td>☐ Establish a list of current providers and suppliers</td>
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<td>☐ Establish the beneficiary’s medical/family history</td>
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<td>- Use of, or exposure to, medications and supplements, including calcium and vitamins.</td>
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<td>☐ Review the beneficiary’s potential risk factors for depression, including current or past experiences with depression or other mood disorders</td>
<td>Use any appropriate screening instrument for beneficiaries without a current diagnosis of depression, which you may select from various available standardized screening tests designed for this purpose and recognized by national professional medical organizations.</td>
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<td>☐ Review the beneficiary’s functional ability and level of safety</td>
<td>Use direct observation of the beneficiary, or select appropriate screening questions or a screening questionnaire, from various available screening questions or standardized questionnaires recognized by national professional medical organizations to assess, at a minimum, the following topics:</td>
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| □ Assess         | Obtain the following measurements:  
|                  | ▪ Height, weight, body mass index (or waist circumference, if appropriate), and blood pressure; and  
|                  | ▪ Other routine measurements as deemed appropriate based on medical and family history. |
| □ Detect any cognitive impairment the beneficiary may have | Assess the beneficiary’s cognitive function by direct observation, with due consideration of information obtained via beneficiary reports and concerns raised by family members, friends, caretakers, or others. |

### Counsel Beneficiary

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| □ Establish a written screening schedule for the beneficiary, such as a checklist for the next 5 to 10 years, as appropriate | Base written screening schedule on:  
|                  | ▪ Age-appropriate preventive services Medicare covers;  
|                  | ▪ Recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); and  
|                  | ▪ The beneficiary’s HRA, health status, and screening history. |
| □ Establish a list of risk factors and conditions for which the primary, secondary, or tertiary interventions are recommended or underway for the beneficiary | Include the following:  
|                  | ▪ Any mental health conditions or any risk factors or conditions identified through an IPPE; and  
|                  | ▪ A list of treatment options and their associated risks and benefits. |
| □ Furnish personalized health advice to the beneficiary and a referral, as appropriate, to health education or preventive counseling services or programs | Includes referrals to programs aimed at:  
|                  | ▪ Community-based lifestyle interventions to reduce health risks and promote self-management and wellness;  
|                  | ▪ Fall prevention;  
|                  | ▪ Nutrition;  
|                  | ▪ Physical activity;  
|                  | ▪ Tobacco-use cessation; and  
|                  | ▪ Weight loss. |
### Acquire Update of Beneficiary History

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<td>Include current providers and suppliers regularly involved in providing medical care to the beneficiary.</td>
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<td>Obtain the following measurements:</td>
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<td>Assess the beneficiary’s cognitive function by direct observation, with due consideration of information obtained via beneficiary reports and concerns raised by family members, friends, caretakers, or others.</td>
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| □ Update the written screening schedule for the beneficiary | Base written screening schedule on:  
- Age-appropriate preventive services Medicare covers;  
- Recommendations from the USPSTF and the ACIP; and  
- The beneficiary’s health status and screening history. |
| □ Update the list of risk factors and conditions for which primary, secondary, or tertiary interventions are recommended or underway for the beneficiary | Include any such risk factors or conditions identified. |
| □ Furnish personalized health advice to the beneficiary and a referral, as appropriate, to health education or preventive counseling services or programs | Includes referrals to programs aimed at:  
- Community-based lifestyle interventions to reduce health risks and promote self-management and wellness;  
- Fall prevention;  
- Nutrition;  
- Physical activity;  
- Tobacco-use cessation; and  
- Weight loss. |

### Other Medicare Part B Preventive Services

- Alcohol Misuse Screening and Counseling
- Bone Mass Measurements
- Cardiovascular Disease Screening Tests
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use (for Asymptomatic Beneficiaries)
- Depression Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT)
- Glaucoma Screening
- Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Screening
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Screening
- Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B Vaccinations and their Administration
- IPPE
- Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT) for Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), also known as a CVD risk reduction visit
- IBT for Obesity
- Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Screening And High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HiBC) to Prevent STIs
- Screening Mammography
- Screening Pap Tests
- Screening Pelvic Examination (includes a clinical breast examination)
- Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

For additional information on Medicare preventive services, visit [http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/PreventiveServices.html](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/PreventiveServices.html) on the CMS website, or scan the Quick Response (QR) code on the right.

Coding, Diagnosis, and Billing

Coding
Use the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes when filing claims for AWVs.

AWV HCPCS Codes and Descriptors

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<td>Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS), initial visit</td>
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Diagnosis
Since CMS does not require a specific diagnosis code for the AWV, you may choose any appropriate diagnosis code. You must report a diagnosis code.

Billing
Medicare Part B covers AWV if performed by a:
- Physician (a doctor of medicine or osteopathy);
- Qualified non-physician practitioner (a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified clinical nurse specialist); or
- Medical professional (including a health educator, registered dietitian, nutrition professional, or other licensed practitioner), or a team of such medical professionals who are working under the direct supervision of a physician (doctor of medicine or osteopathy).

When you provide a significant, separately identifiable, medically necessary Evaluation and Management (E/M) service in addition to the AWV, Medicare may pay for the additional service. Report the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code with modifier -25. That portion of the visit must be medically necessary to treat the beneficiary’s illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member.

Who Can Get the AWV?
Medicare covers an AWV for all beneficiaries who are no longer within 12 months after the effective date of their first Medicare Part B coverage period and who have not gotten either an IPPE or an AWV within the past 12 months (that is, at least 11 months have passed following the month in which the IPPE or the last AWV was performed). Medicare pays for only one first AWV per beneficiary per lifetime and pays for one subsequent AWV per year thereafter.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is the AWV the same as a beneficiary’s yearly physical?
No. The AWV is not a “routine physical checkup” that some seniors may get every year or so from their physician or other qualified non-physician practitioner. Medicare does not cover routine physical examinations.

Are clinical laboratory tests part of the AWV?
No. The AWV does not include any clinical laboratory tests, but you may make referrals for such tests as part of the AWV, if appropriate.

Do deductible or coinsurance/copayment apply for the AWV?
No. Medicare waives both the coinsurance or copayment and the Medicare Part B deductible for the AWV.

Can I bill an electrocardiogram (EKG) and the AWV on the same date of service?
Generally, you may provide other medically necessary services on the same date of service as an AWV. The deductible and coinsurance/copayment apply for these other medically necessary services.
How do I know if a beneficiary already got his/her first AWV from another provider and know whether to bill for a subsequent AWV even though this is the first AWV I provided to this beneficiary?

You have different options for accessing AWV eligibility information depending on the jurisdiction where you practice. You may be able to access the information through the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) or through the provider call center Interactive Voice Responses (IVRs). CMS suggests providers check with their Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) to see what options are available to check beneficiary eligibility. For MAC contact information, visit http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map on the CMS website.

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Preparing Eligible Medicare Beneficiaries for the AWV

Providers can help eligible Medicare beneficiaries get ready for their AWV by encouraging them to come prepared with the following information:

- Medical records, including immunization records;
- Family health history, in as much detail as possible;
- A full list of medications and supplements, including calcium and vitamins – how often and how much of each is taken; and
- A full list of current providers and suppliers involved in providing care.
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MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES

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This educational tool provides the following information on Medicare preventive services: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes; International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10) diagnosis codes; coverage requirements; frequency requirements; and Medicare beneficiary liability for each Medicare preventive service.

Please note: The information in this publication applies only to the Medicare Fee-For-Service Program (also known as Original Medicare). For additional guidance on the use of diagnosis codes, go to the Claims Processing Manual, Publication 100-04, Chapter 18 on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

Watch the “CMS Provider Minute: Preventive Services” video for pointers to help you submit sufficient documentation when billing for certain preventive services.

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You may provide some preventive services via telehealth; this symbol designates these services:

NOTE: We return preventive services next eligible dates for many of these services when you request Medicare eligibility. If you do not currently get this data, contact your eligibility service provider to determine availability. Refer to the Frequently Asked Questions section of this document for information on how to request the next eligible date.
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Alcohol Misuse Screening and Counseling

Also referred to as the Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **G0442** – Annual alcohol misuse screening, 15 minutes
- **G0443** – Brief face-to-face behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse, 15 minutes

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS [ICD-10](#) webpage for individual Change Requests (CRs) and coding translations for ICD-10 and [contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC)](#) for guidance

Who Is Covered

All Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for alcohol screening.

Medicare beneficiaries who screen positive (those who misuse alcohol but whose levels or patterns of alcohol consumption do not meet criteria for alcohol dependence) are eligible for counseling if:

- They are competent and alert at the time counseling is provided and
- Counseling is furnished by qualified primary care physicians or other primary care practitioners in a primary care setting

Frequency

- Annually for G0442
- For those who screen positive, 4 times per year for G0443

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

HCPCS/CPT Codes
- G0438 – Initial visit
- G0439 – Subsequent visit

ICD-10 Codes
See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

Who Is Covered
All Medicare beneficiaries who are both:
- Not within 12 months after the effective date of their first Medicare Part B coverage period
- Have not received an Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) or AWV within the past 12 months

Frequency
- Once in a lifetime for G0438 (first AWV)
- Annually for G0439 (subsequent AWV)

Medicare Beneficiary Pays
- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Bone Mass Measurements

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **76977** – Ultrasound bone density measurement and interpretation, peripheral site(s), any method
- **77078** – Computed tomography, bone mineral density study, 1 or more sites; axial skeleton (e.g., hips, pelvis, spine)
- **77080** – Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA), bone density study, 1 or more sites; axial skeleton (e.g., hips, pelvis, spine)
- **77081** – DXA, bone density study, 1 or more sites; appendicular skeleton (peripheral) (e.g., radius, wrist, heel)
- **G0130** – Single energy X-ray absorptiometry (SEXA) bone density study, 1 or more sites, appendicular skeleton (peripheral) (e.g., radius, wrist, heel)

ICD-10 Codes

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Who Is Covered

Certain Medicare beneficiaries who fall into at least one of the following categories:

- Women determined by their physician or qualified non-physician practitioner (NPP) to be estrogen deficient and at clinical risk for osteoporosis
- Individuals with vertebral abnormalities
- Individuals getting (or expecting to get) glucocorticoid therapy for more than 3 months
- Individuals with primary hyperparathyroidism
- Individuals being monitored to assess response to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved osteoporosis drug therapy

Frequency

- Every 2 years
- More frequently if medically necessary

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Cardiovascular Disease Screening Tests

HCPCS/CPT Codes

80061 – Lipid panel, this panel must include the following:
  • 82465 – Cholesterol, serum, total
  • 83718 – Lipoprotein, direct measurement, high density cholesterol (HDL cholesterol)
  • 84478 – Triglycerides

ICD-10 Codes

Z13.6

Who Is Covered

All Medicare beneficiaries without apparent signs or symptoms of cardiovascular disease

Frequency

Once every 5 years

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

• Copayment/coinsurance waived
• Deductible waived
Colorectal Cancer Screening

Effective January 1, 2016, use CPT code 81528 when billing for the Cologuard™ test (note that your MAC will accept HCPCS code G0464 for claims with dates of service on or before December 31, 2015).

Only laboratories authorized by the manufacturer to perform the Cologuard test may bill for this test.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

00810 – Anesthesia for lower intestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced distal to duodenum

81528 – Oncology (colorectal) screening, quantitative real-time target and signal amplification of 10 DNA markers (KRAS mutations, promoter methylation of NDRG4 and BMP3) and fecal hemoglobin, utilizing stool, algorithm reported as a positive or negative result

82270 – Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (e.g., guaiac), qualitative; feces, consecutive collected specimens with single determination, for colorectal neoplasm screening (i.e., patient was provided 3 cards or single triple card for consecutive collection)

G0104 – Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

G0105 – Colonoscopy (high risk)

G0106 – Barium Enema (alternative to G0104)

G0120 – Barium Enema (alternative to G0105)

G0121 – Colonoscopy (not high risk)

G0328 – Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT), immunoassay, 1–3 simultaneous

G0464 – Colorectal cancer screening; stool-based DNA and fecal occult hemoglobin (e.g., KRAS, NDRG4 and BMP3)

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

For Cologuard Multitarget Stool DNA (sDNA) Test, use Z12.11 and Z12.12

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Who Is Covered

For colorectal cancer screening using Cologuard—a Multitarget Stool DNA (sDNA) Test:

All Medicare beneficiaries who fall into all of the following categories:

- Aged 50 to 85 years
- Asymptomatic
- At average risk of developing colorectal cancer

For screening colonoscopies, FOBTs, flexible sigmoidoscopies, and barium enemas:

All Medicare beneficiaries who fall into at least one of the following categories:

- Aged 50 and older who are at normal risk of developing colorectal cancer
- At high risk of developing colorectal cancer

“High risk for developing colorectal cancer” is defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 42 CFR 410.37(a)(3)

NOTE: For coverage of screening colonoscopies, there is no age limitation

Frequency

Normal Risk:

- Cologuard Multitarget Stool DNA (sDNA) Test: once every 3 years
- Screening FOBT: every year
- Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy: once every 4 years (unless a screening colonoscopy has been performed and then Medicare may cover a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy only after at least 119 months)
- Screening colonoscopy: every 10 years (unless a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy has been performed and then Medicare may cover a screening colonoscopy only after 47 months)
- Screening barium enema (as an alternative to covered screening flexible sigmoidoscopy)

High Risk:

- Screening FOBT: every year
- Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy: once every 4 years
- Screening colonoscopy: every 2 years (unless a screening flexible sigmoidoscopy has been performed and then Medicare may cover a screening colonoscopy only after at least 47 months)
- Screening barium enema (as an alternative to covered screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy)
Medicare Beneficiary Pays

81528, 82270, G0104, G0105, G0121, G0328, and G0464:

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived

Append modifier -33 to the anesthesia CPT code 00810 when you furnish a separately payable anesthesia service in conjunction with a screening colonoscopy (G0105 and G0121) to waive Medicare beneficiary copayment/coinsurance and deductible.

G0106 and G0120:

- Copayment/coinsurance applies
- Deductible waived

No deductible for all surgical procedures (CPT code range of 10000 to 69999) furnished on the same date and in the same encounter as a screening colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or barium enema initiated as colorectal cancer screening services.

Append modifier -PT to CPT code in the surgical range of 10000 to 69999 in this scenario.
Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use

Effective September 30, 2016, HCPCS codes G0436 and G0437 are deleted. Use existing CPT codes 99406 and 99407 for smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visits.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **99406** – Smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes
- **99407** – Smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than 10 minutes

ICD-10 Codes


**NOTE:** Additional ICD-10 codes may apply

Who Is Covered

Outpatient and hospitalized Medicare beneficiaries for whom all of the following are true:

- Use tobacco, regardless of whether they exhibit signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease
- Competent and alert at the time of counseling
- Counseling furnished by a qualified physician or other Medicare-recognized practitioner

Frequency

Two cessation attempts per year. Each attempt may include a maximum of 4 intermediate or intensive sessions, with the total annual benefit covering up to 8 sessions per year

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- **99406 and 99407:**
  - Copayment/coinsurance waived
  - Deductible waived
Depression Screening

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0444 – Annual depression screening, 15 minutes

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

Who Is Covered

All Medicare beneficiaries

Must be furnished in a primary care setting that has staff-assisted depression care supports in place to assure accurate diagnosis, effective treatment, and follow-up

Frequency

Annually

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Diabetes Screening

Medicare only pays claims for Durable Medicare Equipment (DME) if the ordering provider and DME supplier are actively enrolled in Medicare on the date of service. Tell the Medicare beneficiary if you are not participating in Medicare before you order DME. Refer to “Medicare Enrollment Guidelines for Ordering/Referring Providers” for information on how to enroll as an ordering/referring provider.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- 82947 – Glucose; quantitative, blood (except reagent strip)
- 82950 – Glucose; post glucose dose (includes glucose)
- 82951 – Glucose; tolerance test (GTT), 3 specimens (includes glucose)

ICD-10 Codes

Z13.1

Who Is Covered

Medicare beneficiaries with certain risk factors for diabetes or diagnosed with pre-diabetes

NOTE: Medicare beneficiaries previously diagnosed with diabetes are not eligible for this benefit

Frequency

- Two screening tests per year for Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with pre-diabetes
- One screening per year if previously tested but not diagnosed with pre-diabetes or if never tested

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived

Append modifier -TS when submitting claims for Medicare beneficiaries with pre-diabetes
Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT)

**HCPCS/CPT Codes**

- **G0108** – DSMT, individual, per 30 minutes
- **G0109** – DSMT, group (2 or more), per 30 minutes

**ICD-10 Codes**

See the CMS [ICD-10](#) webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and [contact your MAC](#) for guidance

**Who Is Covered**

Certain Medicare beneficiaries when all of the following are true:

- Diagnosed with diabetes
- Receive an order for DSMT from the physician or qualified NPP treating the Medicare beneficiary’s diabetes

**Frequency**

- Initial year: Up to 10 hours of initial training within a continuous 12-month period
- Subsequent years: Up to 2 hours of follow-up training each year after the initial year

**Medicare Beneficiary Pays**

- Copayment/coinsurance applies
- Deductible applies
Glaucoma Screening

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **G0117** – By an optometrist or ophthalmologist
- **G0118** – Under the direct supervision of an optometrist or ophthalmologist

ICD-10 Codes

- **Z13.5**

Who Is Covered

Medicare beneficiaries who fall into at least one of the following categories:

- Have diabetes mellitus
- Have a family history of glaucoma
- Are African-Americans aged 50 and older
- Are Hispanic-Americans aged 65 and older

Frequency

Annually for covered Medicare beneficiaries

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance applies
- Deductible applies
Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Vaccine and Administration

Refer to “Medicare Part B Immunization Billing” for more information.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **90739** – Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage (2 dose schedule), for intramuscular use
- **90740** – Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use
- **90743** – Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2 dose schedule), for intramuscular use
- **90744** – Hepatitis B vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use
- **90746** – Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use
- **90747** – Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule), for intramuscular use
- **G0010** – Administration of Hepatitis B vaccine

ICD-10 Codes

- **Z23**

Who Is Covered

Certain Medicare beneficiaries at intermediate or high risk for contracting hepatitis B

**NOTE:** Medicare beneficiaries who are currently positive for antibodies for hepatitis B are **not** eligible for this benefit

Frequency

Scheduled dosages required

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Screening

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0472 – Hepatitis C antibody screening, for individual at high risk and other covered indication(s)

ICD-10 Codes

Z72.89 and F19.20

Who Is Covered

Certain adult Medicare beneficiaries who fall into at least one of the following categories:

- High risk for HCV infection
- Born between 1945 and 1965

Frequency

- Annually only for high risk Medicare beneficiaries with continued illicit injection drug use since the prior negative screening test
- Once in a lifetime for Medicare beneficiaries born between 1945 and 1965 who are not considered high risk

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Screening

Effective April 13, 2015, procedure code G0475 may be billed for HIV screening.

Refer to “Screening for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection” for more information.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

80081 – Obstetric panel (includes HIV testing)
G0432 – Infectious agent antibody detection by enzyme immunoassay (EIA) technique
G0433 – Infectious agent antibody detection by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) technique
G0435 – Infectious agent antibody detection by rapid antibody test
G0475 – HIV antigen/antibody, combination assay, screening

ICD-10 Codes

Increased risk factors not reported – Z11.4
Increased risk factors reported – Z11.4 and Z72.89, Z72.51, Z72.52, or Z72.53
Pregnant Medicare beneficiaries – Z11.4 and Z34.00, Z34.01, Z34.02, Z34.03, Z34.80, Z34.81, Z34.82, Z34.83, Z34.90, Z34.91, Z34.92, Z34.93, O09.90, O09.91, O09.92, or O09.93

Who Is Covered

Certain Medicare beneficiaries who are at increased risk for HIV infection, including anyone who asks for the test, or pregnant women

NOTE: “Increased risk for HIV infection” is defined in the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Publication 100-03, Chapter 1, Section 210.7

Frequency

- Annually for Medicare beneficiaries between the ages of 15 and 65 without regard to perceived risk
- Annually for Medicare beneficiaries younger than 15 and adults older than 65 who are at increased risk for HIV infection
- For Medicare beneficiaries who are pregnant, 3 times per pregnancy:
  - First, when a woman is diagnosed with pregnancy
  - Second, during the third trimester
  - Third, at labor, if ordered by the woman’s clinician

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Influenza Virus Vaccine and Administration

Refer to “Medicare Part B Immunization Billing” for more information.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

90630, 90653, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90661, 90662, 90672, 90673, 90674, 90685, 90686, 90687, 90688, Q2035, Q2036, Q2037, Q2038, Q2039 – Influenza Virus Vaccine

G0008 – Administration of influenza virus vaccine

ICD-10 Codes

Z23

Who Is Covered

All Medicare beneficiaries

Frequency

Once per influenza season

Medicare covers additional flu shots if medically necessary

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

• Copayment/coinsurance waived
• Deductible waived
Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)
Also known as the “Welcome to Medicare Preventive Visit”

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0402 – IPPE
G0403 – EKG for IPPE
G0404 – EKG tracing for IPPE
G0405 – EKG interpret & report for IPPE

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

Who Is Covered

All new Medicare beneficiaries who are within the first 12 months of their first Medicare Part B coverage period

Frequency

Once in a lifetime
Must furnish no later than 12 months after the effective date of the first Medicare Part B coverage period

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

G0402:
● Copayment/coinsurance waived
● Deductible waived

G0403, G0404, and G0405:
● Copayment/coinsurance applies
● Deductible applies
Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT) for Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

Also known as a CVD risk reduction visit

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0446 – Annual, face-to-face intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease, individual, 15 minutes

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

Who Is Covered

All Medicare beneficiaries who are:

- Competent and alert at the time counseling is provided
- Furnished counseling by a qualified primary care physician or other primary care practitioner and in a primary care setting

Frequency

Annually for covered Medicare beneficiaries

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT) for Obesity

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **G0447** – Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, 15 minutes
- **G0473** – Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, group (2–10), 30 minutes

ICD-10 Codes

- Z68.30, Z68.31, Z68.32, Z68.33, Z68.34, Z68.35, Z68.36, Z68.37, Z68.38, Z68.39, Z68.41, Z68.42, Z68.43, Z68.44, or Z68.45

Who Is Covered

Medicare beneficiaries when all of the following are true:

- Obesity (Body Mass Index [BMI] ≥ 30 kilograms [kg] per meter squared)
- Competent and alert at the time counseling is provided
- Counseling furnished by a qualified primary care physician or other primary care practitioner in a primary care setting

Frequency

- First month: one face-to-face visit every week
- Months 2–6: one face-to-face visit every other week
- Months 7–12: one face-to-face visit every month if certain requirements are met

At the 6-month visit, a reassessment of obesity and a determination of the amount of weight loss must be performed.

To be eligible for additional face-to-face visits occurring once a month for an additional 6 months, Medicare beneficiaries must have lost at least 3 kg.

For Medicare beneficiaries who do not achieve a weight loss of at least 3 kg during the first 6 months, a reassessment of their readiness to change and BMI is appropriate after an additional 6-month period.

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Lung Cancer Screening Counseling and Annual Screening for Lung Cancer With Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

Refer to "Medicare Coverage of Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)" for more information.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **G0296** – Counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening (LDCT) using low dose CT scan (service is for eligibility determination and shared decision making)
- **G0297** – Low dose CT scan (LDCT) for lung cancer screening

ICD-10 Codes

- **Z87.891**

Who Is Covered

Medicare beneficiaries who fall into all of the following categories:

- Age 55–77 years
- Asymptomatic
- Tobacco smoking history of at least 30 pack-years (one pack-year = smoking one pack per day for one year; 1 pack = 20 cigarettes)
- Current smoker or one who has quit smoking within the last 15 years
- Receive a written order for lung cancer screening with LDCT

Frequency

Annually for covered Medicare beneficiaries

- First year: Before the first lung cancer LDCT screening, Medicare beneficiaries must receive a counseling and shared decision making visit
- Subsequent years: The Medicare beneficiary must receive a written order furnished during an appropriate visit with a physician or NPP

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)

HCPCS/CPT Codes

97802 – MNT; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes
97803 – MNT; re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient each 15 minutes
97804 – MNT; group (2 or more individual(s)), each 30 minutes
G0270 – MNT reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) for change in diagnosis, medical condition or treatment regimen, individual, each 15 minutes
G0271 – MNT reassessment and subsequent intervention(s) for change in diagnosis, medical condition or treatment regimen, group (2 or more), each 30 minutes

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

Who Is Covered

Certain Medicare beneficiaries when all of the following are true:

- Receive a referral from their treating physician
- Diagnosed with diabetes or renal disease, or who have received a kidney transplant within the last 3 years
- Service provided by a registered dietitian or nutrition professional

Frequency

- First year: 3 hours of one-on-one counseling
- Subsequent years: 2 hours

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Pneumococcal Vaccine and Administration

Refer to “Medicare Part B Immunization Billing” for more information.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

90670 – Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine
90732 – Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
G0009 – Administration

ICD-10 Codes

Z23

Who Is Covered

All Medicare beneficiaries

Frequency

• An initial pneumococcal vaccine to Medicare beneficiaries who never received the vaccine under Medicare Part B
• A different, second pneumococcal vaccine 1 year after the first vaccine was administered

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

• Copayment/coinsurance waived
• Deductible waived
Prostate Cancer Screening

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0102 – Digital Rectal Exam (DRE)
G0103 – Prostate Specific Antigen Test (PSA)

ICD-10 Codes

Z12.5

Who Is Covered

All male Medicare beneficiaries aged 50 and older (coverage begins the day after their 50th birthday)

Frequency

Annually for covered Medicare beneficiaries

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

G0102:
• Copayment/coinsurance applies
• Deductible applies

G0103:
• Copayment/coinsurance waived
• Deductible waived
Screening for Cervical Cancer with Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Tests

Effective July 9, 2015!

Refer to “Screening for Cervical Cancer with Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Testing – National Coverage Determination (NCD) 210.2.1” for more information.

From July 9, 2015, through December 31, 2016, code G0476 is only paid when billed by a laboratory entity.

HCPCS/CPT Codes

**G0476** – Cervical cancer screening, all-inclusive HPV co-test with cytology (Pap smear) to detect HPV DNA or RNA sequences

ICD-10 Codes

Use either of the following:

- Encounter for screening for HPV – Z11.51 and Encounter for gynecological exam (general) (routine) with abnormal findings – Z01.411
- Encounter for gynecological exam (general) (routine) without abnormal findings – Z01.419

Who Is Covered

All asymptomatic female Medicare beneficiaries aged 30 to 65 years

Frequency

Once every 5 years

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- 86631, 86632, 87110, 87270, 87320, 87490, 87491, 87810 – Chlamydia
- 87590, 87591, 87850 – Neisseria gonorrhoeae
- 87800 – Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), multiple organisms; direct probe(s) technique
- 86592 – Syphilis test, non-treponemal antibody; qualitative (e.g., VDRL, RPR, ART)
- 86593 – Syphilis test, non-treponemal, quantitative
- 86780 – Treponema pallidum
- 87340, 87341 – Hepatitis B (hepatitis B surface antigen)
- G0445 – Semiannual high intensity behavioral counseling to prevent STIs, individual, face-to-face, includes education skills training & guidance on how to change sexual behavior, 30 minutes

ICD-10 Codes

- Z11.3, Z72.89, Z72.51, Z72.52, Z72.53, Z34.00, Z34.01, Z34.02, Z34.03, Z34.80, Z34.81, Z34.82, Z34.83, Z34.90, Z34.91, Z34.92, Z34.93, O09.90, O09.91, O09.92, and O09.93

Who Is Covered

Certain Medicare beneficiaries when all of the following are true:

- Sexually active adolescents and adults at increased risk for STIs
- Referred for this service by a primary care provider and provided by a Medicare-eligible primary care provider in a primary care setting

NOTE: For more information about increased risk for STIs and covered Medicare beneficiaries, refer to the Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Publication 100-03, Chapter 1, Section 210.10

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Frequency

- One annual occurrence of screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in women at increased risk who are not pregnant
- One annual occurrence of screening for syphilis in men at increased risk
- Up to two occurrences per pregnancy of screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea in pregnant women who are at increased risk for STIs and continued increased risk for the second screening
- One occurrence per pregnancy of screening for syphilis in pregnant women; up to two additional occurrences in the third trimester and at delivery if at continued increased risk for STIs
- One occurrence per pregnancy of screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women; one additional occurrence at delivery if at continued increased risk for STIs
- Up to two 20–30 minute, face-to-face HIBC sessions annually

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Screening Mammography

HCPCS/CPT Codes

77052 – Computer-aided detection (computer algorithm analysis of digital image data for lesion detection) with further review for interpretation; screening mammography (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

77057 – Screening mammography, bilateral (2-view film study of each breast)

77063 – Screening digital breast tomosynthesis; bilateral (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (Use this as an add-on code to G0202 when tomosynthesis is used in addition to 2-D mammography)

G0202 – Screening mammography, producing direct 2-D digital image, bilateral, all views

ICD-10 Codes

Z12.31

Who Is Covered

All female Medicare beneficiaries aged 35 and older

Frequency

- Aged 35 through 39: One baseline
- Aged 40 and older: Annually

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived

NOTE: If billing a screening mammogram and a diagnostic mammogram on the same day, use modifier -GG to show a screening mammogram turned into a diagnostic mammogram

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Screening Pap Tests

HCPCS/CPT Codes

- **G0123, G0124, G0141, G0143, G0144, G0145, G0147, G0148** – Screening cytopathology, cervical or vaginal
- **P3000** – Screening Pap smear by technician under physician supervision
- **P3001** – Screening Pap smear requiring interpretation by physician
- **Q0091** – Screening Pap smear; obtaining, preparing and conveyance to lab

ICD-10 Codes

- High risk – Z77.21, Z77.22, Z77.9, Z91.89, Z92.89, Z72.51, Z72.52, and Z72.53
- Low risk – Z01.411, Z01.419, Z12.4, Z12.72, Z12.79, and Z12.89

Who Is Covered

All female Medicare beneficiaries

Frequency

- Annually if at high risk for developing cervical or vaginal cancer or childbearing age with abnormal Pap test within past 3 years
- Every 2 years for women at normal risk

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Screening Pelvic Examinations (includes a clinical breast examination)

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0101 – Cervical or vaginal cancer screening; pelvic and clinical breast examination

ICD-10 Codes

High risk – Z77.22, Z77.9, Z91.89, Z72.89, Z72.51, Z72.52, and Z72.53
Low risk – Z01.411, Z01.419, Z12.4, Z12.72, Z12.79, and Z12.89

Who Is Covered

All female Medicare beneficiaries

Frequency

- Annually if at high risk for developing cervical or vaginal cancer or childbearing age with abnormal Pap test within past 3 years
- Every 2 years for women at normal risk

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

HCPCS/CPT Codes

G0389 – Ultrasound exam for AAA screening

ICD-10 Codes

See the CMS ICD-10 webpage for individual CRs and coding translations for ICD-10 and contact your MAC for guidance

Who Is Covered

Medicare beneficiaries when all of the following are true:

- Certain risk factors for AAA
- Receive a referral from their physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist

Frequency

Once in a lifetime

Medicare Beneficiary Pays

- Copayment/coinsurance waived
- Deductible waived
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

May CMS add new preventive services as Medicare benefits?

CMS may add coverage of “additional preventive services” through the National Coverage Determination (NCD) process if the service meets all of the following criteria:

1. Reasonable and necessary for the prevention or early detection of illness or disability
2. Recommended with a grade of A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)
3. Appropriate for individuals entitled to benefits under Part A or enrolled under Part B of the Medicare Program

Visit the USPSTF Published Recommendations webpage for the latest preventive service recommendation and the Medicare Preventive Services Announcements webpage for information from CMS on preventive services.

What is a primary care setting?

A primary care setting is defined as one in which there is a provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal health care needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community. Emergency departments, inpatient hospital settings, ambulatory surgical centers, independent diagnostic testing facilities, skilled nursing facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and hospices are not considered primary care settings under this definition.

How do I determine the last date a Medicare beneficiary got a preventive service so I know the beneficiary is eligible to get the next service and the service will not be denied due to frequency edits?

You have different options for accessing eligibility information. You may be able to access the information through the CMS HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) either directly or through your eligibility services vendor, through your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) provider call center Interactive Voice Response (IVR) unit and/or MAC provider internet portal. CMS suggests you contact your eligibility service vendor or check your MAC’s eligibility services for more information. Find MAC contact information on the Medicare Review Contractor Directory – Interactive Map webpage.
My patients do not follow up on routine preventive care. How can I help them remember when they are due for their next preventive service?

Medicare provides a “Preventive Services Checklist” you can give to your patients. They can use the checklist to track their preventive services.

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