

Wellness Wednesday: Hepatitis C Virus Screening

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Today's Presenter



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Objective

- Provide an overview of Medicare preventive services: screening for hepatitis C virus (HCV)
- Encourage providers to promote and educate beneficiaries in life-saving preventive services and screenings
- Assist providers in billing so that claim denials can be avoided



AGENDA

Overview of Medicare's Preventive Services Program

HCV Screening

Wrap Up

- Resources and References
- Questions

Preventive Services Overview

- CMS recognizes the importance of disease prevention, early detection and lifestyle modifications that support the health of Medicare beneficiaries
- Medicare pays for many preventive benefits, including educating Medicare beneficiaries about potentially life-saving services and screenings

Medicare Preventive Services



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Resources

Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling T	Annual Wellness Visit T	Bone Mass Measurement	Cardiovascular Disease Screening Test	Cervical Cancer Screening	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use T
Depression Screening T	Diabetes Screening	Diabetes Self-Management Training T	Flu Shot & Administration	Glaucoma Screening	Hepatitis B Screening	Hepatitis B Shot & Administration
Hepatitis C Screening	HIV Screening	IBT for Cardiovascular Disease T	IBT for Obesity T	Initial Preventive Physical Exam	Lung Cancer Screening T	Mammography Screening
Medical Nutrition Therapy T	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program	Pneumococcal Shot & Administration	Prolonged Preventive Services T	Prostate Cancer Screening	Screening Pap Test	Screening Pelvic Exam
STI Screening & HIBC to Prevent STIs T	Ultrasound AAA Screening					

Quick Start

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Deductible and Coinsurance Waived for Certain Preventive Services

- For DOS on or after 1/1/2011
 - Medicare deductible and coinsurance waived for preventive services included in this presentation
 - [CR 7012](#), “Waiver of Coinsurance and Deductible for Preventive Services, Section 4104 of Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, Removal of Barriers to Preventive Services in Medicare”

Did You Know

- A beneficiary must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to be covered for any Medicare preventive services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- One of major operating components of DHHS
- Nation's premier health promotion, prevention and preparedness agency
 - Supports state, local, federal health departments
 - Implements measures to decrease leading causes of death
 - Reforms health policies

Hepatitis C Virus Screening

What Is Hepatitis C Virus?

- Infection that attacks liver
 - Major cause of chronic liver disease
 - Can cause cirrhosis of the liver, chronic hepatitis
 - Can lead to liver cancer or liver failure
- Transmitted primarily by
 - Exposure to contaminated blood/blood products

Medicare Coverage of HCV Screening

- CR 8871 (Revised)/CR 9200
 - Effective for DOS on/after 6/2/2014
- FDA-approved lab tests
 - Review [FDA In Vitro Diagnostics database](#) for specific information on approved/cleared tests
- Point-of-care tests
 - Performed at/near site of care (outpatient clinic/physician's office)

Who is Covered?

- Adults at high risk for HCV infection
 - Regardless of age
 - High risk factors
 - ✓ Current or past history of injection drug use
 - ✓ History of receiving blood transfusion prior to 1992
- Adults not at high risk who were born between 1945–1965

Frequency of HCV Screening

- Medicare provides coverage of a one-time screening for all eligible beneficiaries
 - Whether based on high risk or DOB
- Medicare provides coverage of an annual repeat screening
 - For high-risk beneficiaries who have had continued illicit drug use since prior negative screening

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Coverage Details

- Screening must be ordered/performed by primary care physician in primary care setting
- Patient record must clearly support classification of beneficiary as eligible candidate for HCV
 - Age (DOB)
 - Risk factor(s)

Applicable TOBs

TOB	Description
13X	Hospital outpatient
14X	Nonpatient laboratory specimen
85X	CAH (Method I only)

Billing Requirements

- Report appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code
 - For initial screening of beneficiaries at high-risk report Z72.89 (other problems related to lifestyle)
 - Subsequent annual screening, also report F19.20 (other psychoactive substance abuse, uncomplicated)
- Line-item billing for HCV screening
 - Any appropriate revenue code for TOB
 - HCPCS code G0472
 - One (1) unit

Payment

Facility Type	Method of Payment
Hospital	MPFS
Nonpatient Laboratory Specimen	CLFS
CAH (Method I)	101% reasonable cost for TC

Beneficiary Cost-Sharing

- Based on ACA Section 4104
 - Deductible waived
 - Coinsurance/copayment waived

Resources, References, Wrap Up

What You Should Do Now

- Share this presentation with other internal staff members
- Talk to your patients about the importance of taking advantage of Medicare preventive services
- Update system with correct coding information
- Update any internal procedure to include verifying the patient's age and eligibility to receive preventive services to avoid costly, time-consuming claim errors

CMS Resources

- [IOMs](#)
 - Regulations and Guidance > Manuals > Internet-Only Manuals (IOMs)
- [National coverage determinations](#)
- [Preventive Services web pages](#)
 - Medicare > Prevention

CMS Resources

- [Change Requests](#)
- [MLN® Matters Articles](#)
- [MLN® Products](#)
 - Preventive Services Educational Products web page
 - MLN Products Catalog
 - Web-based training

CMS References

- CMS IOM Publications

- 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Chapter 1, Part 4, “Coverage Determinations”
 - ✓ Section 210.13 “Screening for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Adults”

CMS References

- [CR9200 “Screening for Hepatitis C Virus \(HCV\) in Adults - Implementation of Additional Common Working File \(CWF\) and Shared System Maintainer \(SSMs\) Edits”](#)

CMS References

- [CR9360 “Reporting of Type of Bill \(TOB\) 014x for Billing Screening of Hepatitis C Virus \(HCV\) in Adults”](#)

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