

# Wellness Wednesdays – Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

October 13, 2021



# Today's Presenters

- Andrea Freibauer
  - Provider Outreach and Education Consultant

# Disclaimer

National Government Services, Inc. has produced this material as an informational reference for providers furnishing services in our contract jurisdiction. National Government Services employees, agents, and staff make no representation, warranty, or guarantee that this compilation of Medicare information is error-free and will bear no responsibility or liability for the results or consequences of the use of this material. Although every reasonable effort has been made to assure the accuracy of the information within these pages at the time of publication, the Medicare Program is constantly changing, and it is the responsibility of each provider to remain abreast of the Medicare Program requirements. Any regulations, policies and/or guidelines cited in this publication are subject to change without further notice. Current Medicare regulations can be found on the [CMS website](#).

# No Recording

- Attendees/providers are **never** permitted to record (tape record or **any** other method) our educational events
  - This applies to our webinars, teleconferences, live events and any other type of National Government Services educational events

# Objectives

- Provide an overview of Medicare preventive service: lung cancer screening
- 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

- Preventive Services Overview
- Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)
- References, Resources, and Wrap Up
- Questions and Answers

# Polling Question #1

- What is your role in the Medicare Program for your facility?
  - Biller
  - Clinician
  - Intake/admissions
  - Compliance
  - Administrator

# Polling Question #2

- How experienced are you with performing, documenting, and/or billing Medicare preventive services?
  - This is all new to me!
  - I am semi-comfortable but ready to learn more
  - I am pretty comfortable but will benefit from this as a refresher course



# Preventive Services Overview



# Did You Know

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

# Preventive Services Overview

- Medicare pays for many preventive benefits,
- Preventive services support the health of Medicare beneficiaries by
  - Educating about potentially life-saving services and screenings
  - Early detection and/or prevention of diseases
  - Assisting with/suggesting lifestyle modifications

# Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

# Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)

- National Coverage Determination 210.14
- Effective for DOS on/after February 5, 2015
- Annual screening benefit when all criteria met
  - First screening
  - Subsequent screenings

# Who is Covered

- Beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following
  - 55–77 years of age
  - Asymptomatic
  - At least 30 pack-year tobacco smoking history
    - One pack-year = one 20-cigarette pack/day for one year
  - Current smoker or quit within last 15 years
  - Receive written order for lung cancer screening with LDCT

# Who Can Provide Order/Screening

- Qualified physicians and qualified nonphysician practitioners
  - NP
  - PA
  - CNS

# Lung Cancer Screening Facilities

- Must meet all criteria for providing service including:
  - Requirements for reading radiologists and radiology imaging facilities
  - Collecting and submitting data to CMS-approved registry
- Currently only one CMS-approved lung cancer screening registry
  - American College of Radiology (ACR)
    - Email: [nrd@acr.org](mailto:nrd@acr.org)
    - Phone: 1-800-227-5463, extension 353
    - <http://www.acr.org/Quality-Safety/National-Radiology-Data-Registry/Lung-Cancer-Screening-Registry>



# First vs. Subsequent Screenings

- Prior to first screening
  - Counseling and shared decision-making visit must occur with physician/qualified NPP
  - Written order with documentation furnished during visit
- Subsequent screenings
  - Written orders may be furnished during any appropriate visit with physician/qualified NPP

# Documentation for Decision-Making Visit

- Determination of beneficiary eligibility for service
- Shared decision-making (using one or more decision aids):
  - Benefits/harms of screening
  - Follow-up diagnostic testing
  - Over-diagnosis
  - False positive rate
  - Total radiation exposure

# Documentation for Decision-Making Visit

- Counseling on
  - Importance of adherence to annual screening
  - Impact of comorbidities
  - Ability/willingness to undergo diagnosis and treatment
  - Importance of maintaining abstinence or cessation
- Written order (when appropriate)

# Written Orders

- Must include
  - Beneficiary date of birth
  - Actual pack-year smoking history (number)
  - Current smoking status/number of years since quitting smoking
  - Statement that beneficiary asymptomatic
  - National Provider Identifier (NPI) of ordering practitioner

# Checking Eligibility for Lung Cancer Screening in CWF

PREVENTIVE SERVICE	TECH DTE	PROF DTE	PREVENTIVE SERVICE	TECH DTE	PROF DTE
	MMDDCCYY	MMDDCCYY		MMDDCCYY	MMDDCCYY
AAA (G0389)	07012007	07012007			
IPP EXAM (G0402)	SRVNOELG	SRVNOELG			
IPP EXAM (G0403)	SRVNOELG	SRVNOELG			
IPP EXAM (G0404)	SRVNOELG	00000000			
IPP EXAM (G0405)	00000000	SRVNOELG			
PTWR (G9143)	08032009	08032009			
AWV (G0438)	00000000	01012011			
AWV (G0439)	00000000	01012011			
HCAS (G0472)	06022014	06022014			
COCS (G0464/81528)	AGENOELG	00000000			
<b>LDCT (G0297)</b>	<b>AGENOELG</b>	<b>AGENOELG</b>			
HIVS (G0475)	DODNOELG	SRVNOELG			
HPVS (G0476)	AGENOELG	00000000			

PF1=INQ SCREEN

PF3/CLEAR=END

PF7=PREV

PF8=NEXT

# Billing Requirements – Claim Level

- Report appropriate TOB
- Report ICD-10 diagnosis code Z87.891 (personal history of tobacco use/personal history of nicotine dependence)

# TOBs Based on Facility Type

Facility Type	TOB
Hospital outpatient	12X/13X
SNF ancillary	22X
SNF outpatient	23X
RHC	71X (G0296 only)
FQHC	77X (G0296 only)
CAH	85X

# Billing Requirements – Line Level

- Report appropriate revenue code
- Report appropriate HCPCS/CPT code

Code	Description
G0296	Counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening using LDCT (eligibility determination and shared decision making)
G0297	Lung cancer screening using LDCT



# Billing Instructions for RHCs & FQHCs

- Can only bill for G0296
- Counseling to discuss need for screening qualifies as stand-alone billable encounter
- If provided on same DOS as other billable encounter, report as incident to

# Payment Methodology Based on Facility Type

Facility Type	Method of Payment
Hospital Outpatient	OPPS
SNF	MPFS
RHC	AIR (G0296 only)
FQHC	PPS (G0296 only)
CAH Method I	101% reasonable cost for TC
CAH Method II	Lesser of actual charge or 115% MPFSDB (G0296 only)

# Beneficiary Cost Sharing

- Coinsurance: waived
- Part B deductible: waived
  - Affordable Care Act

# Why Claims are Denied

- Provider type/provider specialty cannot bill service
- Benefit maximum for this time period reached
- Procedure/code inconsistent with patient's age
- Diagnosis not covered
- FQHCs/RHCs – Benefit for this service included in payment/allowance for another service/procedure already adjudicated

# 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 eligibility to receive preventive services to avoid costly, time-consuming claim errors

# References, Resources, and Wrap Up



# CMS Resources

- Preventive services online tool
  - <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html>
  - Individual links for each preventive service
- Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Products
  - <https://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/>
    - Preventive Services Educational Products Web page
    - MLN Products Catalog
    - Web-based training

# CMS Internet-Only Manuals

- <https://www.cms.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp>
  - Regulations and Guidance > Manuals > Internet-Only Manuals (IOMs)
- 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Chapter 1, Part 4 – Coverage Determinations
  - Section 210.14 – Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)
- 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18, “Preventive and Screening Services”
  - Section 220 – Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)



# CMS References

- Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) – National Coverage Determination 210.14
  - <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database>
- Decision Memo for Lung Cancer with LDCT
  - <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?NCAId=274>

# CMS References

- Change Request CR9246 - “Medicare Coverage of Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)”
  - <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3374CP.pdf>

# Thank You!

- Follow-up email
  - Attendees will be provided a Medicare University Course Code
- Questions?

We're on Twitter!



@NGSMedicare

[Follow us](#)