

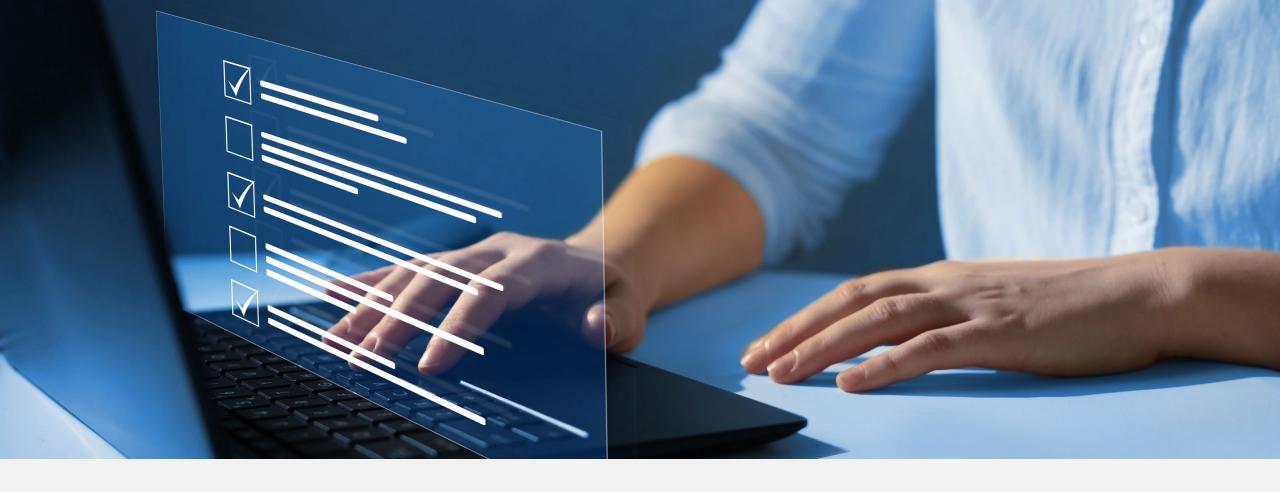


## Wellness Wednesday: The Initial Preventive Physical Examination

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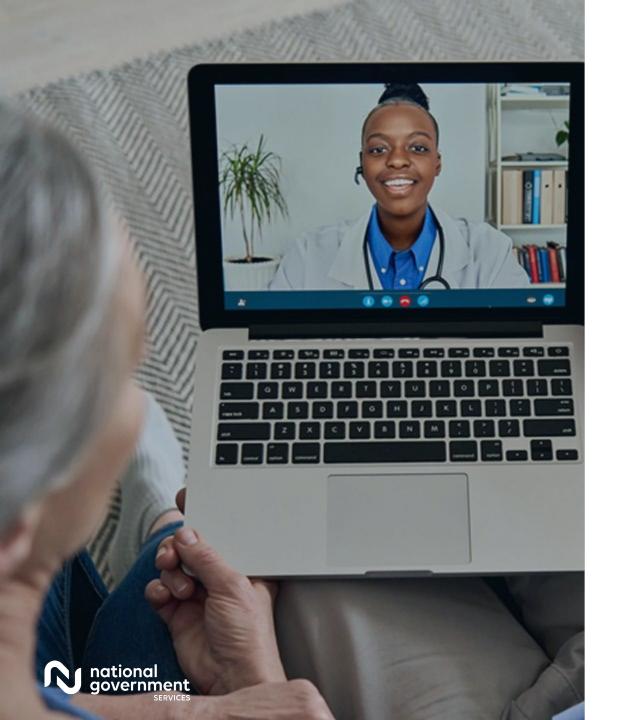


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#### **Objective**

- Provide overview of Medicare preventive service: IPPE
- Encourage providers to promote and educate beneficiaries in life-saving preventive services and screenings
- Assist providers in billing for IPPE so claim denials may be avoided

## Today's Presenter



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  - Provider Outreach & Education Consultant







## Agenda

Overview of Medicare's preventive services program

IPPE

Questions and answers

Resources and references







#### 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







## 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
  - <u>CR 7012</u>, "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





## Polling Question #1

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





## Polling Question #2

- How many years of Medicare experience do you have?
  - I am new to Medicare
  - One-five years
  - Six-ten years
  - Over ten years





## Polling Question #3

- How experienced are you with 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 session as a refresher course





# Initial Preventive Physical Examination

## Background

- Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Section 611 introduced coverage of IPPE
- Also known as "Welcome to Medicare Visit"
- Preventive E/M service





#### Benefits of IPPE

- Promotes good health for Medicare patients
- Early identification/detection of disease or risk factors for disease
- Beneficiary education and counseling
- May lead to referrals for additional preventive services/screenings





#### Who Is Covered

- Beneficiaries whose Part B coverage began within past 12 months
  - New to the Medicare Part B program
- Note: beneficiaries who drop Part B coverage and then re-enroll, not eligible for new IPPE





## Frequency

- One exam covered per lifetime
- Within 12 months of date patient's first coverage begins under Part B
  - Not a routine physical examination





## Who Can Perform

- Physician
- Qualified NPP
  - NP
  - PA
  - CNS





## Seven Components of IPPE

- Review of patient's medical and social history
  - Medical history: past medical/surgical history, medications, family medical history
  - Social history: history of alcohol, tobacco, drug use, diet, physical activity
- Review of risk factors for depression or other mood disorders
  - Includes current/past experience with depression
    - ✓ Screening for patients not currently diagnosed
- Review of functional ability and level of safety
  - Includes hearing impairment, ADL, risk of fall, home safety
- Physical examination
  - Includes height, weight, BP, BMI, visual acuity



## Seven Components of IPPE

- End of life planning (upon patient consent)
  - Verbal and written information regarding:
    - ✓ Beneficiary's ability to provide advanced direction in case future injury or illness causes beneficiary to be unable to make healthcare decisions
      - DNR, blood transfusions, etc.
    - ✓ Physician's willingness to follow beneficiary's instruction
- Education, counseling and referral based on previous components of IPPE
- Written plan for obtaining appropriate screening/preventive services





#### Not Included in IPPE

- Other preventive services covered/paid separately under Part B
- TC of EKG billed to carrier; no separate billing for PC of EKG





#### Documentation

- Must show all required components performed
- Appropriate E/M screening tools
- Referrals/written medical plan





#### TOBs

ТОВ	Description	ТОВ	Description
12X	Hospital inpatient (Part B)	71X	RHC
13X	Hospital outpatient	77X	FQHC
22X	SNF inpatient (Part B)	85X	CAH*

<sup>\*</sup> Medicare pays all CAHs for technical component; Medicare pays professional component for Method II when reported under revenue code 096X, 097X, or 098X





## Billing Requirements

- Line item billing for IPPE
  - Report appropriate revenue code
  - Report HCPCS code
    - ✓ G0402: IPPE; face-to-face visit for new beneficiaries within first 12 months of Part B enrollment
    - ✓ G0403: Routine EKG with 12 leads; performed as screening for IPPE, with interpretation and report
    - ✓ G0404: Routine EKG with 12 leads; performed as screening for IPPE, tracing only (no interpretation, no report)
    - ✓ G0405: Routine EKG with 12 leads; performed as screening for IPPE, interpretation and report only (no tracing)
  - One (1) unit





## Additional Billing Instructions for RHC/FQHC

#### RHC:

- If only IPPE provided, bill as stand-alone visit
- If IPPE provided with another billable visit, bill two visits
  - ✓ Report modifier CG on additional E/M line
  - ✓ Claim generates additional AIR

#### ■ FQHC:

- Report with IPPE payment code G0468
- IPPE adjustment applies to PPS payment
- Report any additional services as incident to IPPE



## Reporting Modifier 25 on IPPE Claims

- Use CPT code 99202–99205 or 99211–99215 with modifier 25
  - When significant, separately identifiable medically necessary E/M provided in addition to IPPE
  - Does not apply to RHC/FQHC
- OPPS hospitals billing for G0402 and G0404
  - Report modifier 25 with G0402





## Payment

Facility Type	Methodology				
Hospital (IP Part B, OP)	OPPS or reasonable cost				
SNF	TC payment made for screening EKG based on MPFS				
RHC	AIR				
FQHC	PPS w/ IPPE adjustment				
CAH	All: 101% reasonable cost for technical component Method II: 115% MPFS non-facility rate for professional component				





## Beneficiary Cost-Sharing

#### IPPE

- Deductible waived
- Coinsurance/copayment waived
- Affordable Care Act, Section 4104
- Screening EKG
  - Deductible applies
  - Coinsurance/copayment applies





## Why IPPE Claim Did Not Pay

- IPPE performed outside of first 12 months of Part B coverage
- A second IPPE billed for same beneficiary





## Avoiding IPPE Denials

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## Avoiding IPPE Denials

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## References, Resources and Wrap Up

#### References

CMS IOM Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual,
Chapter 12 - Physicians/Nonphysician Practitioners, Section 30.6.1.1 - Initial
Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) and Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)





### References

CMS IOM Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual,
Chapter 18 - Preventive and Screening Services, Section 80 - Initial
Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)



#### Resources

- CMS MLN Educational Tool Medicare Preventive Services Chart
- CMS MLN Educational Tool The ABCs of the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)





#### Resources

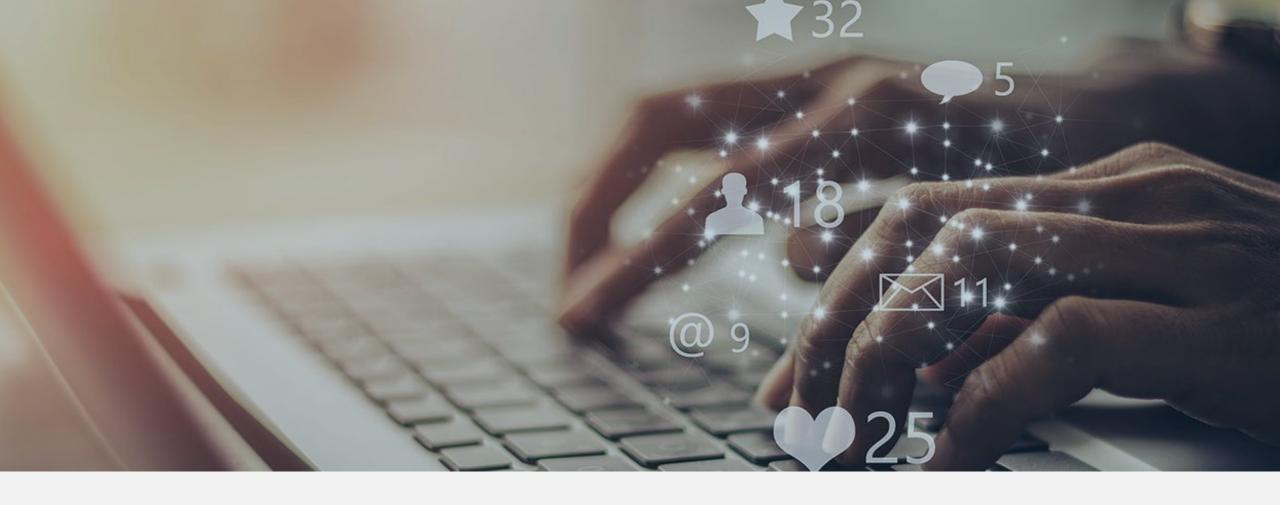
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