

# Wellness Wednesday – Depression Screening

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# Objectives

- Provide an overview of screening for depression
- Encourage providers to promote and educate beneficiaries in life-saving preventive services and screenings
- Assist providers in billing to avoid claim denials

# Agenda

- Overview of Medicare's Preventive Services Program
- Screening for Depression
- Resources and References
- Questions and Answers

# Preventive Services Overview

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



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## MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RESOURCES

Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling	Annual Wellness Visit	Bone Mass Measurements	Cardiovascular Disease Screening Tests	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use	Depression Screening
Diabetes Screening	Diabetes Self-Management Training	Glaucoma Screening	Hepatitis B Virus Screening	Hepatitis B Virus Vaccine & Administration	Hepatitis C Virus Screening	HIV Screening
IBT for Cardiovascular Disease	IBT for Obesity	Influenza Virus Vaccine & Administration	Initial Preventive Physical Examination	Lung Cancer Screening	Medical Nutrition Therapy	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
Pneumococcal Vaccine & Administration	Prolonged Preventive Services	Prostate Cancer Screening	Screening for Cervical Cancer	Screening for STIs & HIBC to Prevent STIs	Screening Mammography	Screening Pap Tests
Screening Pelvic Examinations	Ultrasound Screening for AAA					



# 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

# Screening for Depression

# Benefits of Screening for Depression

- Early detection of depression
- Allows for accurate diagnosis, treatment, follow-up
- Avoids self-harm
- Per CR 7637, Medicare covers screening for depression
  - Effective for DOS on or after 10/14/2011

# Screening for Depression

- Various tools available for screening
  - CMS does not require use of specific screening tool
    - At discretion of physician
- Medicare coverage is limited to screening services
  - Does not include treatment options, therapeutic interventions, self-help materials, telephone calls or web-based counseling
  - Treatment may be covered under other Medicare benefit

# Coverage Criteria

- All Medicare beneficiaries covered annually
  - Once every 12 months
    - At least 11 full months have passed since last covered screening
- Provided in primary care setting that has staff-assisted depression care supports in place

# Primary Care Settings

- Physician's offices
- Outpatient hospital
- Independent clinic
- State or local public health clinic
- Does not apply to
  - Inpatient hospital settings
  - SNF
  - IRF
  - Hospice

# Who Can Perform

- Primary care physician
- Primary care practitioner
  - Clinical staff who can advise the physician of screening results and facilitate referrals to mental health treatment
    - NP
    - CNS
    - PA



# Documentation and Billing Guidelines

- Beneficiary record must identify screening tool and results
- Claim must report:
  - Applicable bill type (TOB)
    - Hospital outpatient – 13X
    - CAH – 85X
    - RHC\* – 71X
    - FQHC\* – 77X
  - Appropriate diagnosis code
    - Medicare does not require a specific diagnosis code for this benefit

# Line-Item Billing Requirements

- Appropriate revenue code
- HCPCS code G0444
  - Annual depression screening, 15 min
- One unit

# \*Billing Clarification for RHC/FQHC

- Screening for depression does not qualify as stand-alone billable encounter
  - Report screening as incident to billable encounter
  - If only service performed on DOS, do not submit claim
- Reimbursement included in AIR/PPS payment

# Reimbursement

Facility	Reimbursement
Hospital outpatient	OPPS
RHC	AIR
FQHC	PPS
CAH Method I	101% reasonable cost TC
CAH Method II	101% reasonable cost TC plus 115% MPFS nonfacility rate PC

# Beneficiary Cost Sharing

- Deductible waived
- Coinsurance/copayment waived
- [Affordable Care Act](#), Section 4104

# Why Claims Are Denied

- Beneficiary received covered depression screening in past 12 months
- Services provided outside primary care setting/not furnished by qualified professional

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# 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



# Resources and References

# CMS Resources

- [Internet-Only Manuals \(IOMs\) web page](#)
  - Regulations and Guidance > Manuals > Internet-Only Manuals (IOMs)
- National Coverage Determinations – [Medicare Coverage Database](#)
- Preventive Services Web Pages – [Provider Resources](#)
  - Medicare > Prevention (Individual links for each preventive service are located under Prevention tab)

# CMS Resources

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

# CMS Resources

- CMS IOM Publications
  - [100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Chapter 1, Part 4](#)
    - Section 210.9 – Screening for Depression in Adults
  - [100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18](#)
    - Section 210 – Screening for Depression in Adults

# CMS Resources

- National Coverage Determination
  - [210.9 – Screening for Depression in Adults](#)
- [CR7637](#): Screening for Depression in Adults

# CMS Resources

- [Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference Chart](#)

# Thank You!

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

