

Wellness Wednesday - Sexually Transmitted Infection Screening and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling

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Objective

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

Today's Presenter



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Agenda

Overview of Medicare's preventive services program

STI Screening

HIBC to Prevent STIs

Questions and answers

Resources and references

Polling Question One

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

Polling Question Two

- 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 Three

- 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

- 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



T Telehealth Eligible Services ▼

Medicare Preventive Services

× Select a Service

FAQs

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

▲ Advance Health Equity

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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

STI Screening

Did You Know

- STIs
 - Passed from one person to another through sexual contact
 - Many STI-infected people do not have symptoms so do not always seek out medical attention
 - Can cause significant health complications if untreated
- Medicare coverage of STI screening not based on presence of symptoms

Benefits of STI Screening

- Early detection of STI
- Decrease in spread of disease/infection
- Reduction in HIV transmission
- Assists medical community in identifying trends, gathering data

Background

- Medicare covers screening for four specific STIs
 - Chlamydia
 - Gonorrhea
 - Syphilis
 - Hepatitis B
- Effective for DOS on/after 11/8/2011

Who Can Perform

- Ordered/referred by primary care physician
- Performed by primary care practitioner
 - NP
 - CNS
 - PA

Primary Care Settings

- Physician's offices
- Outpatient hospital
- Independent clinic
- State or local public health clinic

Not Primary Care Settings

- Inpatient hospital
- SNF
- IRF
- Emergency department
- ASC
- IDTF
- Home health/hospice

Approved Facility Types

- Hospital outpatient
 - Using TOB 13X
- Hospital nonpatient laboratory specimens
 - Using TOB 14X
- CAH
 - Using TOB 85X with revenue code 096X, 097X or 098X

Documentation and Billing Guidelines

- Documentation must show all coverage requirements met
 - Identify applicable risk factor(s)
- Claim should report
 - ICD-10 diagnosis codes
 - Appropriate revenue code
 - CPT code

High-/Increased-Risk Behaviors

- Multiple sex partners
- Using barrier protection inconsistently
- Sex under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Sex in exchange for money or drugs
- Having an STI within the past year
- Men having sex with men and engaged in high-risk sexual behavior

Screening for Chlamydia – Coverage Requirements and Frequency

- Pregnant women who are 24 years old or younger or at increased risk for STIs
 - Covered up to twice per term
 - ✓ When pregnancy is diagnosed
 - ✓ Repeated during third trimester if high-risk sexual behavior continued
- Women at increased risk for STIs
 - Covered annually

Screening for Chlamydia – Diagnosis Codes

- Report Z11.3 and one of the following
 - Z72.51 (High-risk heterosexual behavior)
 - Z72.52 (High-risk homosexual behavior)
 - Z72.53 (High-risk bisexual behavior)
 - Z72.89 (Other problems related to lifestyle)
- For pregnant women at increased risk, also report applicable code from “Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes” slides

Screening for Chlamydia – CPT Codes

- Report one of the following
 - 86631 – Antibody; Chlamydia
 - 86632 – Antibody; Chlamydia, IgM
 - 87110 – Culture, chlamydia, any source
 - 87270 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunofluorescent technique; Chlamydia trachomatis
 - 87320 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, qualitative or semi-quantitative, multiple-step method; Chlamydia trachomatis

Screening for Chlamydia – CPT Codes

- 87490 – Infectious agent detection by DNA or RNA; Chlamydia trachomatis, direct probe technique
- 87491 – Infectious agent detection by DNA or RNA; Chlamydia trachomatis, amplified probe technique
- 87810 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Chlamydia trachomatis
- 87800 – Infectious agent detection by DNA or RNA, multiple organisms; direct probe(s) technique
 - ✓ Use when performing combined chlamydia and gonorrhea testing

Screening for Gonorrhea – Coverage Requirements and Frequency

- Pregnant women who are 24 years old or younger or at increased risk for STIs
 - Covered up to twice per term
 - ✓ When pregnancy is diagnosed
 - ✓ Repeated during third trimester if high-risk sexual behavior continued
- Women at increased risk for STIs
 - Covered annually

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- For pregnant women at increased risk, also report applicable code from “Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes” slides

Screening for Gonorrhea – CPT Codes

- Report one of the following
 - 87590 – Infectious agent detection by DNA or RNA; *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, direct probe technique
 - 87591 – Infectious agent detection by DNA or RNA; *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, amplified probe technique
 - 87850 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
 - 87800 – Infectious agent detection by DNA or RNA, multiple organisms; direct probe(s) technique*

Screening for Syphilis – Coverage Requirements and Frequency

- Pregnant women
 - Covered up to three times per term
 - ✓ When pregnancy is diagnosed
 - ✓ Up to two additional screenings, as ordered during third trimester and at delivery if high-risk sexual behavior continued
- Men and women at increased risk for STIs
 - Covered annually

Screening for Syphilis (Pregnant Women) – Diagnosis Codes

- Report Z11.3 and one of the following
 - Z72.51 (High-risk heterosexual behavior)
 - Z72.52 (High-risk homosexual behavior)
 - Z72.53 (High-risk bisexual behavior)
 - Z72.89 (Other problems related to lifestyle)
- For pregnant women at increased risk, also report applicable code from “Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes” slides

Screening for Syphilis (At Increased Risk) – Diagnosis Codes

- Report Z11.3 and one of the following
 - Z72.51 (High-risk heterosexual behavior)
 - Z72.52 (High-risk homosexual behavior)
 - Z72.53 (High-risk bisexual behavior)
 - Z72.89 (Other problems related to lifestyle)
 - Applicable code from “Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes” slides

Screening for Syphilis – CPT Codes

- Report one of the following
 - 86592 – Syphilis test, non-treponemal antibody; qualitative (eg, VDRL, RPR, ART)
 - 86593 – Syphilis test, non-treponemal antibody, quantitative
 - 86780 – Antibody; Treponema pallidum

Screening for Hepatitis B – Coverage Requirements and Frequency

- Pregnant women
 - Covered up to twice per term for pregnant women
 - ✓ At first prenatal visit
 - ✓ Repeated at time of delivery if high-risk sexual behavior continued
- Asymptomatic, non-pregnant women and men at risk for HBV infection
 - Covered once in lifetime
 - ✓ Annual screening if continued high risk behavior without vaccination
 - ✓ Additional high-risk factor: IV drug use

Screening for Hepatitis B (Pregnant Women)

– Diagnosis Codes

- Report Z11.59 and one of the following
 - Z34.00 (Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester)
 - Z34.80 (Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester)
 - Z34.90 (Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester)
 - O09.90 (Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester)

Screening for Hepatitis B (At Increased Risk) – Diagnosis Codes

- Report Z11.59
- Also report Z72.89 (other problems related to lifestyle) and one of the following
 - Z72.51 (High-risk heterosexual behavior)
 - Z72.52 (High-risk homosexual behavior)
 - Z72.53 (High-risk bisexual behavior)
- Also report applicable code from “Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes” slides

Screening for Hepatitis B – CPT Codes

- Report one of the following
 - 87340 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, qualitative or semi-quantitative, multiple-step method; hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
 - 87341 – Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, qualitative or semi-quantitative, multiple-step method; HBsAg neutralization

Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes

Code	Description
Z34.00	Supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.01	Supervision of normal first pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.02	Supervision of normal first pregnancy, second trimester
Z34.03	Supervision of normal first pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.80	Supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.81	Supervision of other normal pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.82	Supervision of other normal pregnancy, second trimester
Z37.83	Supervision of other normal pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.90	Supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester

Additional ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes

Code	Description
Z34.91	Supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
Z34.92	Supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
Z34.93	Supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester
009.90	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
009.91	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
009.92	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
009.93	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester

Payment

- Hospitals paid based on OPPS
- CAHs paid based on reasonable cost
- Deductible/coinsurance/copayment waived
 - Affordable Care Act Section 4104

Why Claims Are Denied

- Beneficiary received additional screening within frequency limitations
- Screening not performed in appropriate setting

High Intensity Behavioral Counseling to Prevent STIs

HIBC to Prevent STIs

- Effective for DOS on or after 11/8/2011
- Benefits of HIBC
 - Decrease in spread of disease/infection
 - Assist beneficiary with knowledge and information so they can make lifestyle changes and take precautions to avoid infectious disease and prevent future exposure

Who Can Perform

- Ordered/referred by primary care physician
- Performed by primary care practitioner
 - NP
 - CNS
 - PA

Primary Care Settings

- Physician's offices
- Outpatient hospital
- Independent clinic
- State or local public health clinic

Not Primary Care Settings

- Inpatient hospital
- SNF
- IRF
- Emergency department
- ASC
- IDTF
- Home health/hospice

Approved Facility Types

- Hospital non-patient laboratory specimens
 - Using TOB 14X
- RHCs (additional billing instructions)
 - Using TOB 71X with revenue code 052X
- FQHCs (additional billing instructions)
 - Using TOB 77X with revenue code 052X
- CAHs
 - Using TOB 85X with revenue code 096X, 097X or 098X

HIBC to Prevent STIs – Coverage Requirements and Frequency

- Sexually active adolescents and adults at increased risk for STIs
 - Up to two, individual, 20- to 30-minute, face-to-face sessions covered annually
 - ✓ One session covered on any one DOS
- HIBC sessions must include
 - Education
 - Skills training
 - Guidance on how to change sexual behavior

High-/Increased-Risk Behaviors

- Multiple sex partners
- Using barrier protection inconsistently
- Sex under influence of alcohol or drugs
- Sex in exchange for money or drugs
- 24 years of age or younger (for women for chlamydia and gonorrhea)
- Having an STI within the past year

High/Increased Risk Behaviors

- IV drug use (for hepatitis B only)
- Men having sex with men and engaged in high-risk sexual behavior (no age requirement)

Documentation

- Documentation must show all coverage requirements met
 - Indicate high/increased risk
 - Indicate components provided

HIBC for STI Billing Guidelines

- ICD-10 diagnosis code Z72.89 (other problems related to lifestyle)
- Appropriate revenue code
- HCPCS code G0445 (HIBC to prevent STIs, face-to-face, individual, 30 minutes)

Additional Billing Instructions for RHCs and FQHCs

- HIBC to prevent STIs qualifies as stand-alone billable encounter
 - Report as billable encounter using billable encounter revenue code 052X
 - ✓ FQHCs report appropriate payment code line; report HIBC as qualifying visit HCPCS code line
 - Generates AIR/PPS payment
- If performed on DOS as another billable encounter, report as incident to service

Payment

- Hospitals paid based on OPPS
- CAHs paid based on reasonable cost
- RHCs and FQHCs paid/payment included in AIR/PPS encounter rate
- Deductible/coinsurance/copayment waived
 - Affordable Care Act Section 4104

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Avoiding Claim Denials

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Resources and References

CMS Resources

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

CMS Resources

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

Change Requests

- CR7610 Revised: Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs
 - MLN Matters® MM7610 Revised
- CR9719: Editing Update for Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections
 - MLN Matters® MM9719

CMS IOMs

■ CMS IOM Publications

- 100-03, *Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual*, Chapter 1
 - ✓ [Section 210.10 – Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections \(STIs\) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling \(HIBC\) to Prevent STIs](#)
- 100-04, *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18
 - ✓ [Section 170 – Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections \(STIs\) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling \(HIBC\) to Prevent STIs](#)



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