



The Annual Wellness Visit

Promoting Good Health Through Disease Prevention and Detection 4/22/2025

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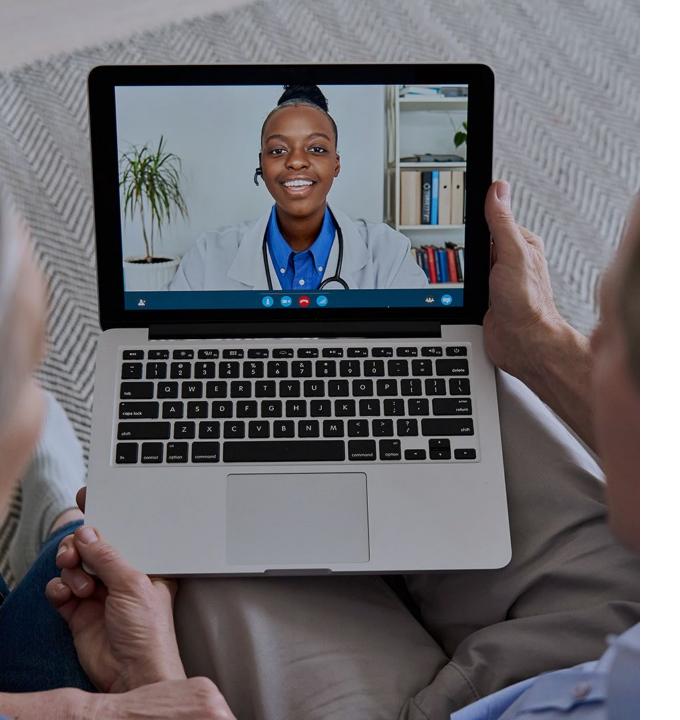


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Objective

Provide an overview of the 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 Presenters

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Agenda

- Preventive Services Overview
- AWV Coverage
- **AWV Components**
- AWV Billing
- Resources and References
- Questions







Preventive Services Overview

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 over 30 preventive benefits, including
 - Shots and vaccines
 - Wellness visits
 - Diabetes-related services
 - Tests and screenings
 - Counseling and therapies
 - Mental health services





Did You Know

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







Medicare Preventive Services: Quick Reference Chart

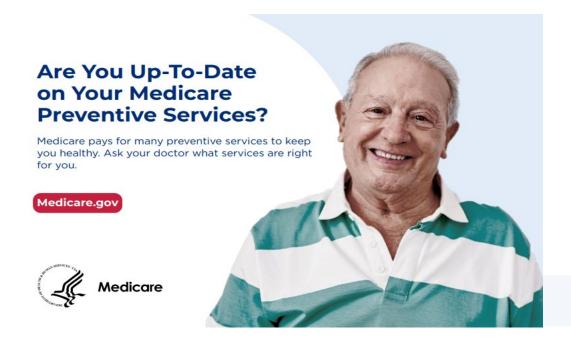
MLN006559 - Medicare Preventive Services





How Can Medicare Beneficiaries Keep Track of Their Preventive Services?

 Are You Up-To-Date on Your Medicare Preventive Services checklist



- One time "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit—get this visit within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)
- Yearly "Wellness" visit—get this visit 12 months after your "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit or 12 months after your Part B coverage starts
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings
- Alcohol misuse screenings & counseling
- Bone mass measurements
- Cardiovascular behavioral therapy
- Cardiovascular disease screenings (cholesterol, lipids, triglycerides)
- □ Cervical & vaginal cancer screenings
- Colorectal cancer screenings
- Counseling to prevent tobacco use & tobaccocaused disease
- COVID-19 vaccines
- Depression screenings

- Diabetes screenings
- Diabetes self-management training
- Flu shots
- Glaucoma screenings
- Hepatitis B shots
- ☐ Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection screenings
- Hepatitis C screenings
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) screenings
- Lung cancer screenings
- ☐ Mammograms (Breast cancer screenings)
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
- Obesity behavioral therapy
- Pneumococcal shots
- Prostate cancer screenings
- Sexually transmitted infection screenings & counseling

For more details about Medicare's coverage of preventive services, including your costs in Original Medicare, visit Medicare.gov/publications to view or print the booklet "Your Guide to Medicare Preventive Services."

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Deductible & Coinsurance for Preventive Services

- Medicare deductible and coinsurance waived for many preventive services
- <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"





AWV Coverage

What Is an AWV?

- Visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan to help prevent disease and disability, based on beneficiaries' current health and risk factors
- Not routine/annual physical examination



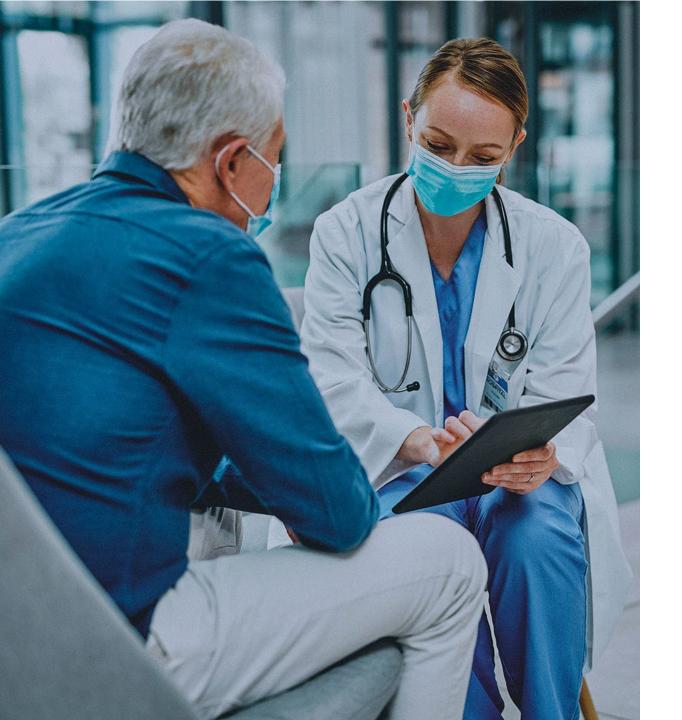


Benefits of AWV

- Provides ongoing focus on prevention
- Can be adapted as beneficiary's health needs change over time
- Individualized prevention plan







Who Is Covered?

 All Medicare beneficiaries who haven't received IPPE or AWV with PPPS within last 12 months



Frequency

- Initial AWV providing PPPS is one-time benefit
 - Provided after at least 11 full months passed since IPPE or
 - At least 11 full months passed since Part B entitlement date when no IPPE performed
- Subsequent AWV providing PPPS is annual benefit
 - Provided after at least 11 full months passed since last AWV



Who Can Perform

- Physician
- Qualified NPP
 - NP, PA, CNS
- Medical professional (individual or team)
 - Health educator
 - Registered dietician
 - Nutrition professional
 - Other licensed practitioner



AWV Components

Components of Initial AWV

- HRA
- Medical/family history
- List of current providers/suppliers
- Routine measurements
- Detection of cognitive impairment
- Review potential depression risk factors
- Review functional ability and level of safety
- Establish written screening schedule



Components of Initial AWV

- Establish risk factors and conditions
- Provide personalized health advice and referrals
- Provide advance care planning services
- Review current opioid prescriptions
- Screen for potential SUDs
- SDOH risk assessment



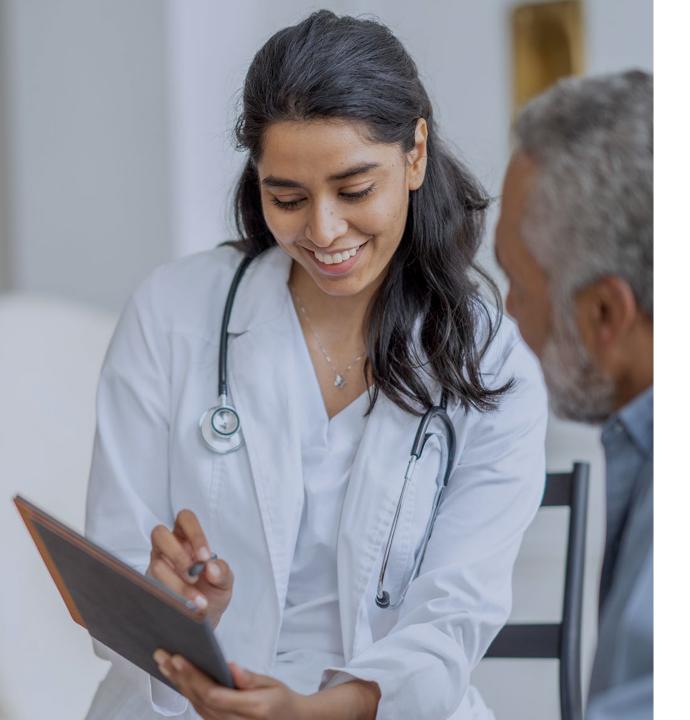


HRA

- AWV includes an HRA
 - Many different HRAs will meet minimum standards
 - Gives health care professionals flexibility to best fit beneficiary needs
- A Framework for Patient-Centered Health Risk Assessments







Performing an HRA

- At a minimum, collect this information
 - Demographic data
 - Health status self-assessment
 - Psychosocial risks
 - Behavioral risks
 - ADLs





Establish Patient's Medical & Family History

- At a minimum, document
 - Medical events of beneficiaries' parents, siblings, and children, including hereditary conditions placing them at increased risk
 - Past medical and surgical history (illnesses, hospital stays, operations, allergies, injuries and treatments)
 - Use of, or exposure to, medications, supplements and other substances



AWV & Review of Opioid Use

- Performed as part of review of medical and family history component
 - Diagnosis and treatment of OUD as appropriate
 - When beneficiary using opioids, assess benefit from other, non-opioid pain therapies instead
 - Even if beneficiary doesn't have OUD but possibly at risk
- CMS' <u>Addressing & Improving Behavioral Health</u> website includes information on OUD





Establish List of Current Providers & Suppliers

 Include current beneficiary providers and suppliers that regularly provide medical care, including behavioral health care



Routine Measurements

- Height
- Weight
- Body mass index (BMI) (or waist circumference)
- Blood pressure
- Other routine measurements deemed appropriate based on medical and family history



Detect Any Cognitive Impairments

- Check for <u>cognitive impairment</u>
- Assess cognitive function by direct observation or reported observations from the patient, family, friends, caregivers
- Consider using brief cognitive tests, health disparities, chronic conditions, and other factors that contribute to increased cognitive impairment risk
 - Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Resources for Professionals





Review Potential Depression Risk Factors

- Select from various standardized depression screening tools recognized by national professional medical organizations
 - <u>Depression Assessment Instruments</u>
- Depression risk factors include
 - Current or past experiences with depression
 - Other mood disorders





Review Functional Ability & Safety Level

- Use direct patient observation, appropriate screening questions, or standardized questionnaires recognized by national professional medical organizations to review:
 - Ability to perform ADLs
 - Fall risk
 - Hearing impairment
 - Home and community safety, including driving when appropriate
- Medicare offers <u>cognitive assessment and care plan</u> <u>services</u> for patients who show signs of impairment





Establish Screening Schedule

- Base written screening schedule on
 - Checklist for the next 5–10 years
 - <u>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force</u> and <u>Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)</u> recommendations
 - Beneficiaries' HRA, health status and screening history, and ageappropriate <u>preventive services</u> we cover



Establish Risk Factors & Conditions

• Include:

- Recommendation for primary, secondary or tertiary interventions
 - Report whether interventions in progress
- Mental health conditions, including depression, <u>substance use</u> <u>disorders</u> and cognitive impairments
- IPPE risk factors or identified conditions
- Treatment options and associated risks and benefits





Provide Personalized Advice & Appropriate Referrals

- Include referrals to educational and counseling services or programs aimed at community-based lifestyle interventions to reduce health risks and promote self-management and wellness, including
 - Fall prevention
 - Nutrition
 - Physical activity
 - Tobacco-use cessation
 - Social engagement
 - Weight loss
 - Cognition





Provide Advanced Care Planning

- Discuss preparing an advance directive in case an injury or illness prevents them from making their own health care decisions including:
 - Future care decisions they might need or want to make
 - How they can let others know about their care preferences
 - Caregiver identification
- Advance directive elements may involve completing standard forms
 - Advance Care Planning fact sheet

We don't limit how many times a Medicare beneficiary can revisit the ACP during the year, but cost sharing applies outside the AWV



Review Current Opioid Prescriptions

- For beneficiaries with a current opioid prescription
 - Review any potential OUD risk factors
 - Evaluate their pain severity and current treatment plan
 - Provide information about non-opioid treatment options
 - Refer to specialist, as appropriate
- HHS Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force Report

Medicare covers monthly <u>chronic pain management and</u> <u>treatment services</u>



Screen for Potential SUDs

- Review potential SUD risk factors and refer for treatment as appropriate
- Use of a screening tool is appropriate, but not required
 - National Institute on Drug Abuse has screening and assessment tools
- Review <u>Implementing Drug and Alcohol Screening in Primary</u>
 <u>Care</u> for additional information



SDOH Risk Assessment

- Starting in 2024, Medicare includes optional <u>SDOH Risk</u> <u>Assessment</u> as part of AWV
 - Must follow standardized, evidence-based practices
 - Ensure communication aligns with beneficiaries educational, developmental and health literacy level, as well as being culturally and linguistically appropriate



Subsequent AWV Components

- Update HRA
- Update to medical/family history
- Update list of current medical providers/suppliers
- Weight, BP, other routine measurements
- Detection of cognitive impairment
- Update to written screening schedule
- Update to risk factors and interventions
- Personalized health advice and referrals
- At beneficiary's discretion, advance care planning services



AWV FAQs

- Does it include clinical laboratory tests?
 - No, but you may make referrals for such tests as part of the AWV, as appropriate
- Can I provide other medically necessary services on the same date as an AWV?
 - Yes, but note that deductible and/or coinsurance may be applied, and additional coding requirements typically required for those services



Documentation

- When last AWV performed (subsequent only)
- When IPPE performed (if appropriate)
- Must show all required components performed
- Which appropriate HRA screening tool used



AWV Billing

TOBs

ТОВ	Description	ТОВ	Description
12X	Hospital inpatient (Part B)	71X	RHC
13X	Hospital outpatient	77X	FQHC
22X	SNF inpatient (Part B)	85X	CAH
23X	SNF outpatient		



Billing Requirements

- Report appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code
 - No specific diagnosis code required
- Report appropriate revenue code
 - Report appropriate HCPCS code one unit
 - G0438: Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS); initial visit
 - G0439: Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS); subsequent visit



Additional Billing Instructions for RHC/FQHC

• RHC

- If only AWV provided, bill as stand-alone visit
- If AWV provided on same DOS as another billable visit, bill AWV as incident to visit

FQHC

- Report payment code G0468 with revenue code 052X
- Report AWV HCPCS code G0438 or G0439 as qualifying visit





Billing Requirements Advance Care Planning

- Optional element
 - Face-to-face conversation between physician or other qualified health care professional and beneficiary
 - Discuss beneficiary's wishes and preferences for medical treatment if unable to speak or make decisions in future
- Coinsurance and deductible waived only if
 - Done on same day and by same provider as covered AWV
 - Billed on same claim as covered AWV
 - Billed with modifier 33 (Preventive Service)



Billing Requirements Advance Care Planning

- Diagnosis code (no specific code required)
- Appropriate CPT code
 - CPT 99497 ACP first 30 minutes
 - CPT 99498 Each additional 30 minutes (add on code)



Payment

- AWV payment based on reasonable cost for
 - CAH Method I or Method II (TOB 85X)
- AWV payment made under MPFS for
 - Hospital inpatient Part B (TOB 12X) and hospital outpatient (TOB 13X)
 - SNF inpatient Part B (TOB 22X) and SNF outpatient (TOB 23X)
 - CAH Method II (TOB 85X)
 - For professional services for the AWV (in addition to the facility payment), when those charges are reported under revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X
- AWV payment made via AIR for
 - RHC (TOB 71X)
- AWV payment made via PPS for
 - FQHC (TOB 77X)



Beneficiary Cost-Sharing

- Deductible waived
- Coinsurance/copayment waived



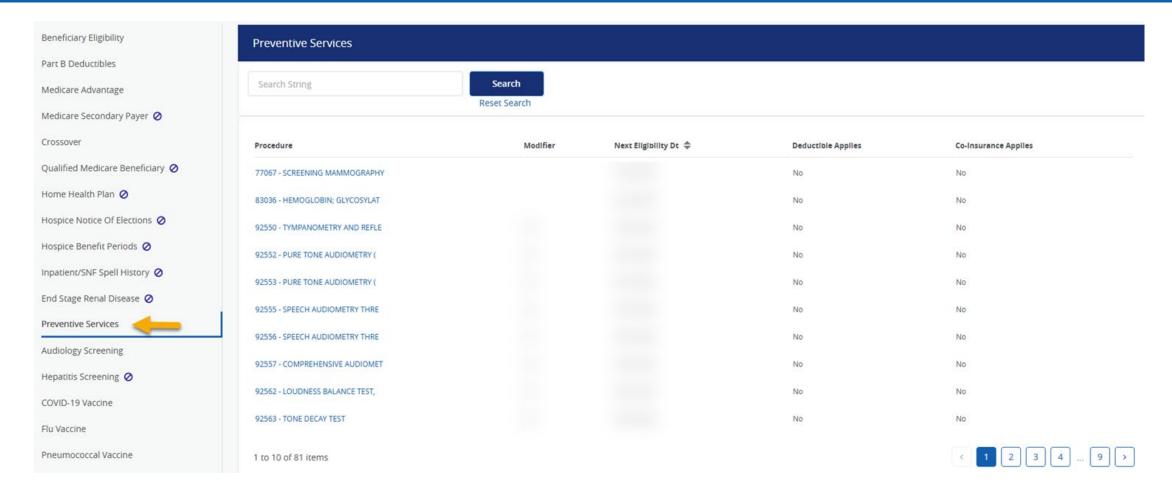


Why AWV Claims Did Not Pay

- Initial AWV billed within 12 months of Part B coverage effective date (RARC N130)
- Initial AWV billed within 12 months of IPPE (RARC N117)
- A second initial AWV billed for same beneficiary (RARC N117)
- Subsequent AWV billed less than 12 months after previous covered AWV (RARC N130)



NGSConnex Preventive Services Lookup





FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

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FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- From initial Eligibility Detail Inquiry screen
 - Enter MBI and hit enter
 - Press PF8 to scroll through various screens until reach Preventive Services screens
 - MAP175J and MAP175M









Eligibility Detail Inquiry Screen

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FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- All eligibility fields will report
 - Next eligible date when applicable
 - Start date of benefit if service not utilized by beneficiary to date
- If eligibility date not available, will show three or four position alpha code to indicate reason why
 - PTB Beneficiary not entitled to Part B
 - RCVD Beneficiary already received service
 - DOD Beneficiary not eligible due to DOD
 - GDR Beneficiary not eligible due to gender
 - AGE Beneficiary not eligible due to age
 - SRV Beneficiary not eligible for the service
 - VAC Beneficiary already vaccinated
 - 0000 Service not applicable





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Resources and References

CMS Resources and References

- Preventive Services
- MLN Educational Tool®: <u>MLN006559 Medicare Preventive Services</u>
- MLN Educational Tool®: MLN6775421 Medicare Wellness Visits
- MLN Matters® <u>SE18004: Review of Opioid Use during the Initial</u> <u>Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) and Annual Wellness Visit</u> <u>(AWV)</u>
- CMS IOM Publications
 - 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Section 280, Preventive and Screening Services
 - 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual,
 - Chapter 9, Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Centers, Section 70 General Billing Requirements for Preventive Services
 - Chapter 18, Preventive and Screening Services, Section 80 Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)



Resources and References - Beneficiaries

- Medicare.gov
 - Preventive Services
 - Are You Up-To-Date on Your Medicare Preventive Services checklist
- Medicare & You: Medicare's Preventive Benefits YouTube





Resources

- MLN Matters articles
- MLN Publications & Multimedia
 - Preventive Services Educational Products web page
 - MLN Products Catalog
 - Web-based training
- MCD Search



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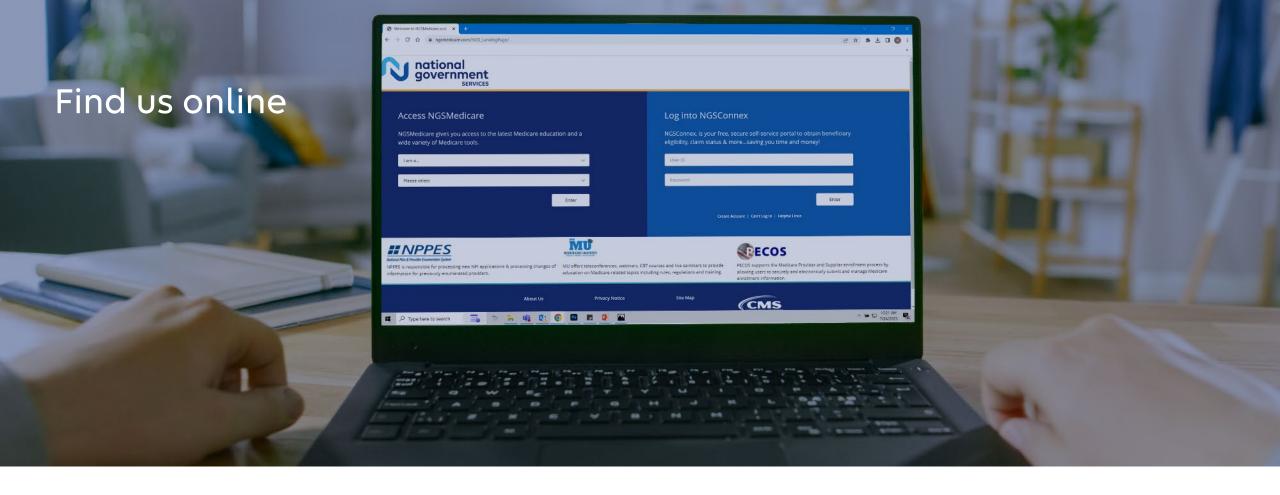














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