



Preventive Services: Initial Preventive Physical Examination and Annual Wellness Visit

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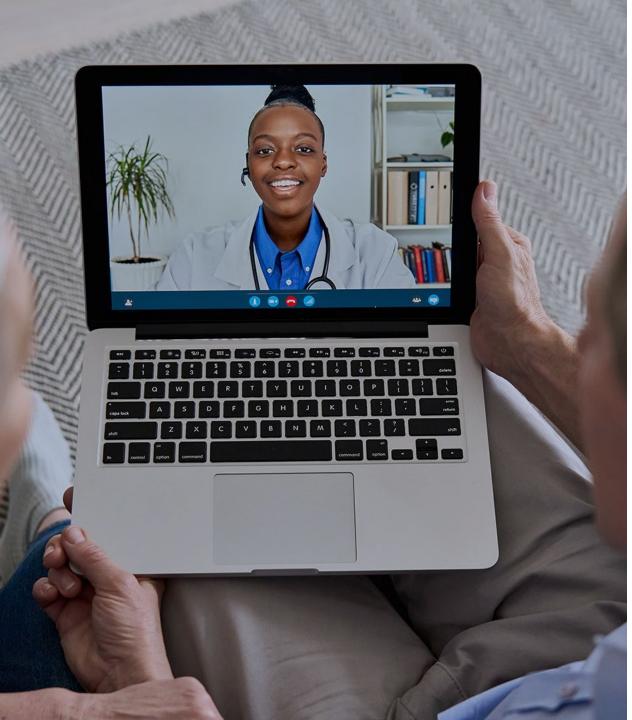


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Objective

After this session, attendees will be able to

- Understand the differences and similarities between the IPPE and the AWV
- Properly bill Medicare for IPPE and AWV services rendered to their patients
- Know where to find additional resources and information





Agenda

- <u>Initial Preventive Physical</u> <u>Examination</u>
- <u>Prolonged Preventive Services</u>
- <u>Annual Wellness Visit</u>
- <u>Social Determinants of Health</u> <u>Risk Assessment</u>
- <u>Advance Care Planning</u>
- <u>Cognitive Assessment and</u> <u>Care Plan Services</u>





Initial Preventive Physical Examination

Medicare Wellness Visits – IPPE/AWV

• MLN® Educational Tool: <u>Medicare Wellness Visits</u>







IPPE Coverage

- All beneficiaries newly enrolled in Medicare
 - Reenrolled beneficiaries are not eligible
- One time benefit
- IPPE must be performed within first 12 months of first Medicare Part B effective date
- Not routine physical checkup





Preparing Beneficiaries for IPPE

- Beneficiaries should bring
 - Medical records, including immunization records
 - Family health history
 - Full list of medications





Who Can Perform

- Physician (DM or DO)
- Qualified NPP
 - CNS
 - NP
 - PA





- Acquire Beneficiary History
 - Components one, two and three
- Examination/End-of-Life Planning
 - Components four and five
- Opioid Use Disorder and Screening Substance Use Disorder
 - Components six and seven
- Counsel Beneficiary
 - Components eight and nine





- Component One
 - Medical and social history with attention to modifiable risk factors for disease detection
 - Medical history (minimum)
 - Past medical and surgical history
 - Current medications and supplements
 - Family history





- Component One
 - Social history (minimum)
 - History of alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use
 - Diet
 - Physical activities





- Component Two
 - Potential risk factors for depression and other mood disorders
 - Must include
 - Current or past experiences with depression or other mood disorders
 - Use any appropriate screening instrument recognized by national professional medical organizations
- Depression Assessment Instruments





- Component Three
 - Functional ability and level of safety
 - Must include
 - Hearing impairment
 - Activities of daily living
 - Falls risk
 - Home safety





- Component Four
 - Examination
 - Must include
 - Height, weight, blood pressure
 - Visual acuity screen
 - Body mass index
 - Other factors deemed appropriate based on the beneficiary's medical and social history and current clinical standards





- Component Five
 - End-of-life planning
 - Required only upon beneficiary's consent
 - Verbal or written information
 - Ability to prepare advance directives
 - Whether or not physician willing to follow advance directive





- Component Six
 - Review of Current Opioid Prescription
 - Patients with a current opioid prescription
 - Review potential OUD risk
 - Evaluate pain severity and current treatment plan
 - Provide information on non-opioid treatment options
 - Refer to specialist, as appropriate
- <u>HHS Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force</u> Report





- Component Seven
 - Screen for potential SUDs
 - Review risk factors for SUDs
 - Refer for treatment, as appropriate
- National Institute on Drug Abuse; Screening and Assessment **Tools Chart**





- Component Eight
 - Education, counseling and referral based on the previous components





- Component Nine
 - Education, counseling and referral for other preventive services
 - Includes brief written plan (checklist) for
 - Screening EKG, if appropriate
 - Other separately-covered Medicare Part B screenings and preventive services as applicable





IPPE Documentation

- Must show physician and/or qualified NPP performed, or performed and referred, all required components of IPPE
- Use appropriate screening tools normally used in practice





IPPE Billing – HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
G0402	Initial preventive physical examination; face-to-face visit, services limited to new beneficiary during the first 12 months of Medicare enrollment





EKG Billing– HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
G0403	Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination with interpretation and report
G0404	Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; tracing only, without interpretation and report, performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination
G0405	Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with 12 leads; interpretation and report only, performed as a screening for the initial preventive physical examination





Screening EKG

- No longer a required component
- If another physician/entity performs and/or interprets EKG
 - Rendering provider bills using G0403, G0404, or G0405
- If an additional medically necessary EKG needs to be performed same day as IPPE
 - Bill using a CPT code in the 93000 series plus modifier 59





IPPE Billing – Diagnosis Code

- Diagnosis code is required
- Does not require a specific diagnosis code when billing IPPE and screening EKG
 - Choose any appropriate screening diagnosis code





Additional Services

- Other preventive services currently paid separately under Medicare Part B screening benefits are not included in IPPE
 - Allowed to be performed at same visit
 - Bill and document according to requirements for each preventive service





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Additional Services

- E/M services (CPT codes 99202–99215)
 - Must be medically necessary and separately identifiable
 - Report with modifier 25 when appropriate
 - E/M components part of the IPPE should not be included in determining the appropriate level of E/M
 - Evaluation and Management Visits
 - <u>Evaluation & Management Visits</u>





Office/Outpatient (O/O) Evaluation and Management (E/M) Visits

- Effective 2025, payment for G2211 (O/O E/M visit complexity add-on code) is allowed when CPT codes 99202-99205, 99211-99215 (O/O E/M base code) are billed by the same practitioner on the same day as
 - An annual wellness visit (AWV),
 - Vaccine administration,
 - Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)
 - Other Medicare Part B preventive service
- G2211 is not payable when the O/O E/M visit is reported with payment modifier 25 for any other service
- <u>G2211 Frequently Asked Questions</u>





IPPE Cost Sharing

- IPPE Only
 - Deductible waived
 - Coinsurance waived
- Screening EKG
 - Deductible and coinsurance apply





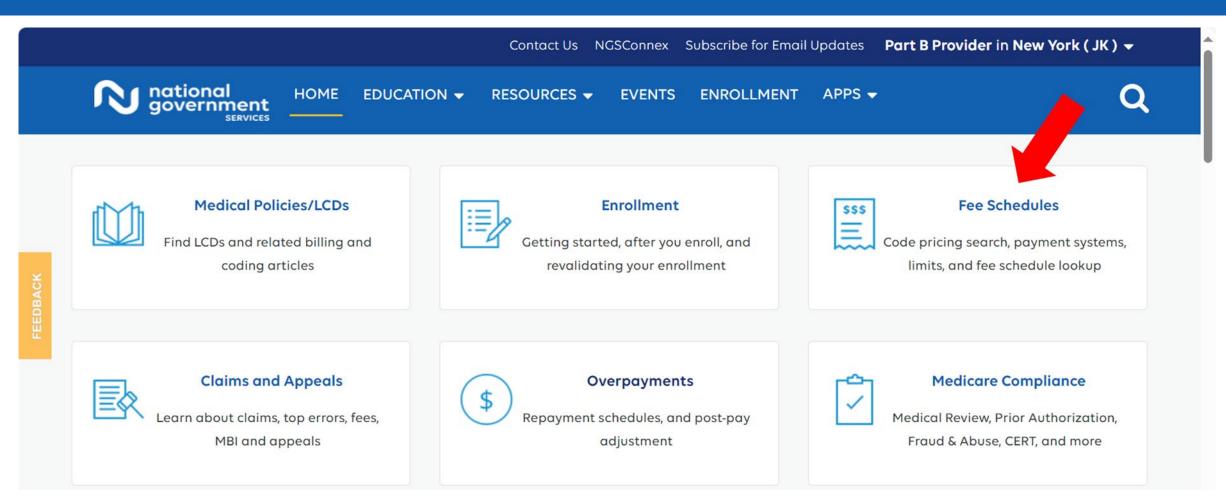
IPPE Reimbursement

- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
 - NGS website: <u>Fee Schedule Lookup</u>
- Nonparticipating providers
 - Nonparticipating reduction applies
 - Limiting charge provision applies





Fee Schedule Lookup







Fee Schedule Lookup Tool

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Procedure Code	Effective Date	State/Territory	Locality	Short Description
G0402	01/01/2025	13102	00	Initial preventive exam





Common Reasons for Claim Denial

- Second IPPE billed for same beneficiary
- IPPE was performed outside of first 12 months of first Medicare Part B coverage





Prolonged Preventive Services

Prolonged Preventive Services

Procedure	Description
G0513	Prolonged preventive service(s) (beyond the typical service time of the primary procedure), in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service; first 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for the preventive service)
G0514	Prolonged preventive service(s) (beyond the typical service time of the primary procedure), in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service; each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code G0513 for additional 30 minutes of preventive service)





Prolonged Preventive Timeframes

- Timeframes for these services are as follows
 - Less than 15 minutes is not reported separately
 - G0513 x 1: 15–44 minutes
 - G0513 x 1 and G0514 x 1: 45–74 minutes (45 minutes–1 hour 14 minutes)
 - G0513 x 1 and G0514 x 2:75–104 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes–1 hour 44 minutes)
 - G0513 x 1 and G0514 x 3: 105–134 minutes (1 hour 45 minutes–2 hours 14 minutes)





Prolonged Preventive Services

- ICD-10-CM
 - Additional ICD-10 codes may apply
- Cost-sharing
 - Deductible waived
 - Coinsurance waived
- Reimbursement
 - Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
- Frequency Limits
 - Varies according to individual Medicare preventive service
 - Clock symbol beside a HCPCS/CPT code in the educational tool means the code/service can be billed with a prolonged preventive services add-on





For More Information

- CMS IOM Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual
 - <u>Chapter 12, Section 30.6.1.1</u>
 - Chapter 18, Section 80
 - Chapter 18, Section 240
- CMS website
 - National Correct Coding Initiative Edits
- NGS website
 - <u>Prolonged Preventive Services</u>





Annual Wellness Visit

AWV/PPPS Coverage

- Annual benefit for all Medicare Part B patients
 - Part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010
- Preventive wellness visit, not routine physical checkup
- Coverage criteria
 - Who are no longer within 12 months of the effective date of their Part B coverage period
 - Who have not received either an IPPE or AWV within past 12 months
- Two types of AWV
 - Initial
 - Only one covered per lifetime
 - Subsequent
 - Covered annually





Who Can Perform

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Qualified NPP
 - CNS
 - NP
 - PA
- Medical professional or team working under direct supervision of physician
 - Health educator
 - Registered dietician
 - Nutrition professional or other licensed practitioner





Health Risk Assessment







HRA

HRA: an evaluation tool that collects selfreported information about the beneficiary. Can be administered independently by the beneficiary or administered by a health professional prior to, or as part of the AWV encounter.

HRA

Must be appropriately tailored to and take into account the communication needs of the underserved. Takes no more than 20 minutes to complete.

<u>A Framework for Patient-Centered Health Risk</u> <u>Assessments</u>

HRA

At a minimum, collect information about demographic data, self assessment of health status, psychosocial risks, behavioral risks and activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.





- Establishment of medical/family history
 - At a minimum, document
 - Past medical/surgical history
 - Use of, or exposure to medications and supplements
 - Medical events parents, siblings, children
- Include current patient providers and suppliers that frequently provide medical care, including behavioral health care
- Measurement of
 - Height, weight, BMI, blood pressure, other routine measurements deemed based on medical and family history





- Detect any cognitive impairments the patient may have
 - Includes assessment of cognitive function by direct observation or reported observations from the patient, family, friends, caregivers and others
 - Consider using brief cognitive tests, health disparities, chronic conditions, and other factors that contribute to increased cognitive impairment risk
- Review the patient's functional ability and level of safety
 - Ability to perform ADLs
 - Fall risk
 - Hearing impairment
 - Home and community safety, including driving when appropriate
- Coverage for patients who show signs of impairment
 - <u>Cognitive Assessment & Care Plan Services</u>





- Review the patient's potential depression risk factors
 - Includes current or past experiences with depression or other mood disorders
 - Use nationally-recognized screening instrument for persons without current depression diagnosis
 - Depression Assessment Instruments





- Establish an appropriate patient written screening schedule
 - Checklist for the next five-ten years
 - USPSTF and ACIP recommendations
 - Patient's HRA, health status and screening history, and ageappropriate preventive services





- Establish the patient's list of risk factors and conditions
- Include
 - A recommendation for primary, secondary, or tertiary interventions recommended or report whether they are underway
 - Mental health conditions including
 - Depression
 - SUDs
 - Risk of suicide
 - Cognitive impairment
 - IPPE risk factors or conditions identified
 - Treatment options with associated risks and benefits





- Personalized prevention plan services health advice and referral(s)
 - Health education or preventive counseling services/programs
 - Community-based lifestyle interventions, including
 - Fall prevention
 - Nutrition
 - Physical activity
 - Tobacco use cessation
 - Social engagement
 - Weight loss
 - Cognition





- Provide ACP services at patient's discretion
- ACP is a discussion between you and the patient about
 - Preparing an advance directive in case an injury or illness prevents them from making their own health care decisions
 - Future care decisions they might need or want to make
 - How they can let others know about care preferences
 - Caregiver identification
 - Advance directives explanation, which may involve completing standard forms





Elements of Initial AWV – Review Current Opioid Prescriptions

- For a patient with a current opioid prescription
 - Review any potential opioid use disorder risk factors
 - Evaluate their pain severity and current treatment plan
 - Provide information on non-opioid treatment options
 - Refer to a specialist, as appropriate
- Find more information on pain management in the HHS <u>Pain</u> <u>Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force Report</u>





Elements of Initial AWV – Screen for Potential SUDs

- Review the patient's potential risk factors for SUDs and, as appropriate, refer them for treatment
 - A screening tool is not required but you may use one
- Find more information in the <u>National Institute on Drug Abuse</u> <u>Screening and Assessment Tools Chart</u> and <u>Implementing</u> <u>Drug and Alcohol Screening in Primary Care</u>





Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment

Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment (SDOH)

- Medicare includes an optional SDOH risk assessment as part of the AWV at both yours and the patient's discretion
- Assessment must follow standardized, evidence-based practices
- Ensure communication aligns with the patient's educational, developmental and health literacy level, as well as being culturally and linguistically appropriate
- AWV can be an optional community health integration initiating visit when the provider identifies any unmet SDOH needs that prevents the patient from doing the recommended personalized prevention plan





SDOH Billing

- HCPCS Code G0136
 - Administration of a standardized, evidence-based social determinants of health risk assessment tool, 5–15 minutes
 - Append modifier 33 to HCPCS Code G0136 when SDOH is performed on same day as AWV, to waive copayment and deductible
- SDOH is covered once a year





Elements of Subsequent

- Review/update HRA
- Update of medical/family history
- Update of list of current providers/suppliers regularly involved in providing medical care to patient
- Measurement of
 - Weight (or waist circumference)
 - Blood pressure
 - Other routine measurements as appropriate
- Detection of any cognitive impairment





Elements of Subsequent

- Update to written screening schedule for patient developed during first AWV
- Update to list of risk factors and conditions for which primary, secondary or tertiary interventions are recommended or under Way
- Furnish personalized health advice/referral(s)
 - Health education
 - Preventive counseling services or programs
- Provide ACP services at the patient's discretion
- Review current opioid prescriptions for patients with a current opioid prescription





Elements of Subsequent

- Screen for potential SUDs
- Perform SDOH risk assessment as an optional element as part of the AWV





AWV Billing – HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
G0438	Annual wellness visit, includes personalized prevention plan service (PPPS), initial visit
G0439	Annual wellness visit, includes, PPPS, subsequent visit





AWV Billing – Diagnosis Code

- Diagnosis code required on claim
- No specific ICD-10 code required for AWV





AWV Cost-Sharing and Reimbursement

- Cost-sharing
 - Deductible waived
 - Coinsurance waived
- Reimbursement
 - MPFS
 - Fee Schedule Lookup
 - Nonparticipating providers
 - Nonparticipating reduction applies
 - Limiting charge provision applies





Advance Care Planning

Advance Care Planning as an Optional **Element of an AWV**

- Advance care planning
 - ACP is the face-to-face conversation between a physician (or other qualified health care professional) and a patient to discuss their health care wishes and medical treatment preferences if they become unable to communicate or make decisions about their care
 - ACP can be provided during the AWV at the patient's discretion





ACP CPT Code Descriptions

- 99497 Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, face-to-face with the patient, family member(s), and/or surrogate
- 99498 each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition) to code for primary procedure)
 - Use 99498 in conjunction with 99497





ACP and AWV

- Deductible and coinsurance waived for ACP when performed with an AWV
 - ACP to be rendered on the same day and same provider as the covered AWV
 - Append modifier 33 to the ACP to waive coinsurance and deductible
 - ACP and AWV are to be billed on the same claim





Resources for ACP

- <u>Frequently Asked Questions about Billing the Physician Fee</u> <u>Schedule for Advance Care Planning Services</u>
- MLN® Fact Sheet: <u>Advance Care Planning</u>





Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services

Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services

- CPT Code 99483 Medicare covers a visit for a cognitive assessment and to develop a plan of care for Medicare patients who show signs of cognitive impairment, like dementia or Alzheimer's during their annual wellness visit or a routine office visit
- Payable to providers who can report E/M
- Payable in office, outpatient, home, care facility, telehealth
- 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and independent historian
 - An independent historian can be a parent, spouse, guardian, or other individual who provides the history when a patient isn't able to provide complete or reliable medical history themselves
- Deductible and coinsurance apply





Services Included With 99483

- Examine the patient with a focus on observing cognition
- Record and review the patient's history, reports, and records
- Conduct a functional assessment of basic and instrumental activities of daily living, including decision-making capacity
- Use standardized instruments for staging of dementia like the FAST and CDR
- Reconcile and review for high-risk medications, if applicable
- Use standardized screening instruments to evaluate for neuropsychiatric and behavioral symptoms, including depression and anxiety
- Conduct a safety evaluation for home and motor vehicle operation
- Identify social supports including how much caregivers know and are willing to provide care
- Address advance care planning and any palliative care needs





Additional Services

- Other preventive services currently paid separately under Medicare Part B screening benefits not included in AWV
 - Allowed to be performed at same visit
 - Bill and document according to requirements for each preventive service





Additional Services

- E/M services (CPT codes 99202–99215)
- An E/M service may be separately billable on the same DOS as an AWV when a patient has a known history of a chronic medical condition(s) that requires ongoing monitoring, or the patient presents with a new problem or condition that requires evaluation and treatment
- AWV and E/M services must be separately documented and support the medical necessity of the E/M service
 - Must be medically necessary and separately identifiable
 - Report with modifier 25 when appropriate
 - MLN® Booklet: *Evaluation and Management Services Guide*





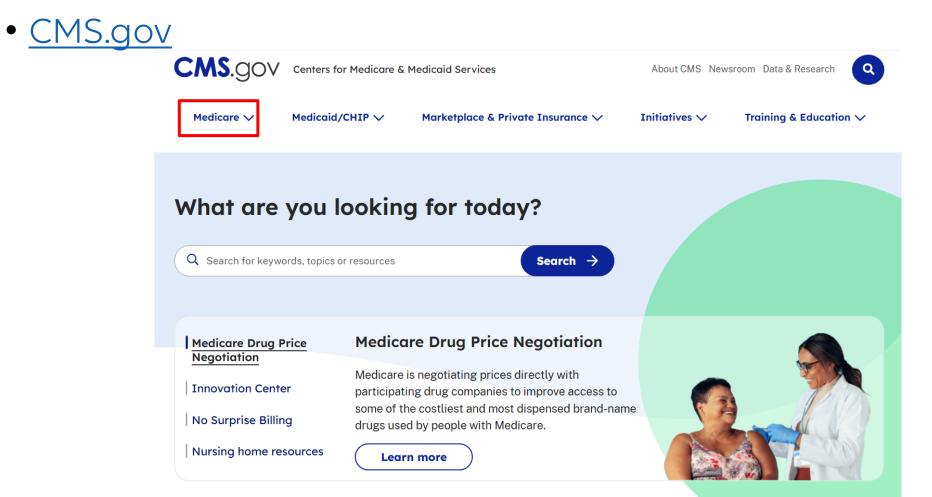
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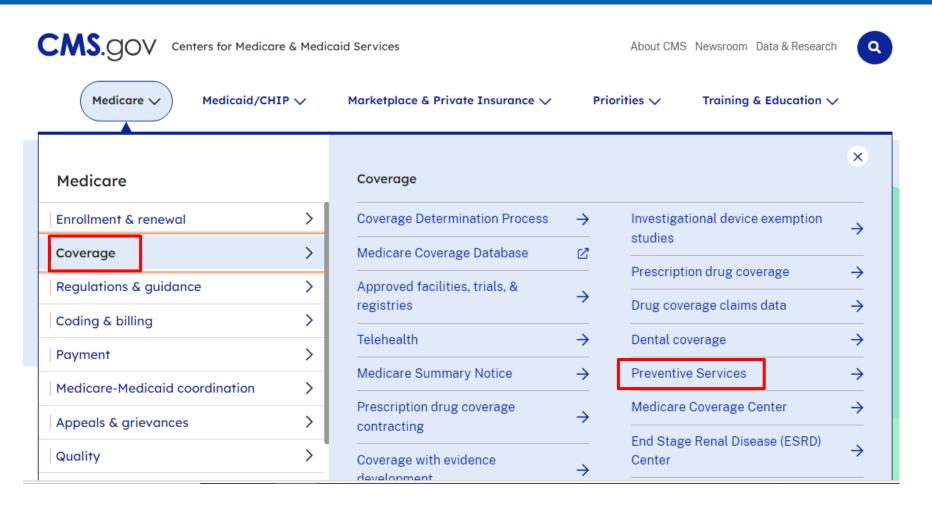
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CMS Website – Prevention







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	Medicare covers many preventive services to keep your patients healthy. Preventive services can help find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can help keep your patients from getting certain diseases. Talk to your patients about which preventive services are right for them and how often they nee them.
	If you're a person with Medicare, learn about all preventive services.
	Learn more about billing for Medicare-covered preventive services:
	> Shots & vaccines
	> Wellness visits
	Diabetes-related services





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Resources and References

Resources

- MLN® Educational Tool: <u>Medicare Wellness Visits</u>
- MLN[®] Educational Tool: <u>Medicare Preventive Services</u>
- MLN Matters® <u>SE18004: Review of Opioid Use during the</u> <u>Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) and Annual</u> <u>Wellness Visit (AWV)</u>
- <u>CMS Roadmap To Address The Opioid Epidemic</u>
- MLN[®] Booklet: *Evaluation and Management Services Guide*
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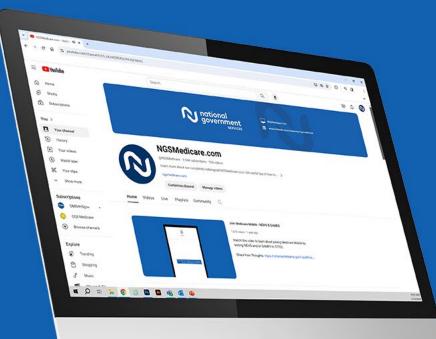
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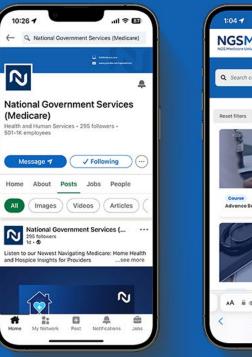




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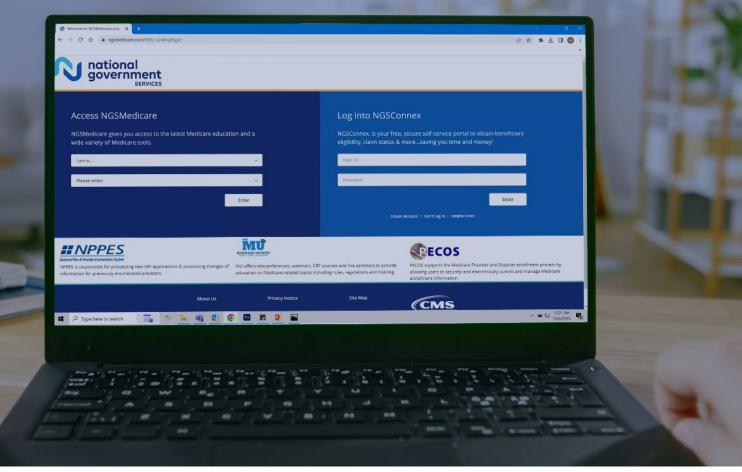








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