

Preventive Services: Initial Preventive Physical Examination and Annual Wellness Visit

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Objectives

- After this session, attendees will be able to
 - Understand the differences and similarities between the IPPE and the AWW
 - Properly bill Medicare for IPPE and AWW services rendered to their patients
 - Know where to find additional resources and information

Agenda

- Initial Preventive Physical Examination
- Prolonged Preventive Services
- Annual Wellness Visit
- Advance Care Planning
- Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services
- Resources and References

Initial Preventive Physical Examination

Medicare Wellness Visits – IPPE/AWV

- MLN® Educational Tool: [Medicare Wellness Visits](#)



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
 - CCNS
 - NP
 - PA

IPPE Components

- 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

IPPE Components

- 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

IPPE Components

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

IPPE Components

- 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](#)

IPPE Components

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

IPPE Components

- 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

IPPE Components

- 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

IPPE Components

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

IPPE Components

- Component Seven
 - Screen for potential Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)
 - Review risk factors for SUDs
 - Refer for treatment, as appropriate
- [National Institute on Drug Abuse; Screening and Assessment Tools Chart](#)

IPPE Components

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

IPPE 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
 - Refer to documentation guidelines
 - MLN® Booklet: [*Evaluation and Management Services Guide*](#)

IPPE Cost Sharing

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

IPPE Reimbursement

- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
 - NGS website: [Fee Schedule Lookup](#)
- Nonparticipating providers
 - Nonparticipating reduction applies
 - Limiting charge provision applies

Fee Schedule Lookup



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Fee Schedule Lookup Tool

Select a Fee Schedule: * Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Pricing

Result Type: * ☐ Full Fee Schedule ☒ Specific To Fee Code

Date of Service: * 01/03/2022

Procedure Code: * G0402

Region: * Connecticut

Procedure Code	Effective Date	State/Territory	Locality	Short Description		
G0402	01/01/2022	13102	00	Initial preventive exam		
Non-OPPS Capped Payment Rates (NON-OPPS)						
Modifier	NON FAC PAR	NON FAC NON PAR	NON FAC LC	FAC PAR	FAC NON PAR	FAC LC
(Details)	175.65	166.87	191.90	138.22	131.31	151.01

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 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*
 - [Chapter 12, Section 30.6.1.1](#)
 - [Chapter 18, Section 80](#)
 - [Chapter 18, Section 240](#)
- CMS website
 - [National Correct Coding Initiative Edits](#)
- NGS website
 - [Prolonged Preventive Services](#)

Annual Wellness Visit Providing Personalized Prevention Plan Services

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

AWV/PPPS Coverage

- 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 dietitian, nutrition professional or other licensed practitioner

Health Risk Assessment

- HRA: an evaluation tool that meets the following criteria
 - Collects self-reported information about the beneficiary
 - Can be administered independently by beneficiary or administered by a health professional prior to, or as part of, the AWW encounter
 - Is appropriately tailored to and takes into account the communication needs of underserved
 - Takes no more than 20 minutes to complete
 - [A Framework for Patient-Centered Health Risk Assessments](#)

Elements of Initial AWW

■ HRA

- At a minimum, collect information about
 - Demographic data
 - Self assessment of health status
 - Psychosocial risks
 - Behavioral risks
 - Activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living

Elements of Initial AWW

- Establishment of medical/family history
 - Must include
 - Past medical/surgical history
 - Use of, or exposure to medications and supplements
 - Medical events – parents, siblings, children
- Establishment of list of current providers and suppliers regularly involved in providing medical care to patient

Elements of Initial AWW

- Measurement of
 - Height, weight, BMI, blood pressure, other routine measurements as appropriate
- Detection of cognitive impairment
 - Includes assessment of cognitive function by direct observation
- Review of risk factors for depression
 - Includes current or past experiences with depression or other mood disorders
 - Use nationally-recognized screening instrument for persons without current depression diagnosis

Elements of Initial AWW

- Review of functional ability and level of safety
 - Based on direct observation or use of screening questions or nationally-recognized screening questionnaire
 - Must include assessment of
 - Hearing impairment
 - Ability to successfully perform activities of daily living
 - Fall risk
 - Home safety

Elements of Initial AWW

- Establishment of written screening schedule for patient
 - USPSTF and ACIP recommendations
 - Based on
 - Health status
 - Screening history
 - Age-appropriate Medicare preventive services

Elements of Initial AWW

- Establish list of risk factors and conditions where primary, secondary, or tertiary interventions recommended or underway including
 - Mental health conditions including depression
 - Substance use disorder(s) (SUD)
 - Cognitive impairment
 - IPPE risk factors or conditions identified
 - Treatment options with associated risks and benefits

Elements of Initial AWW

- 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
 - Weight loss
 - Cognition

Advance Care Planning

- Provide ACP services at patient's discretion
- ACP is a discussion between you and the patient about
 - Their advance directive preparation in case an injury or illness prevents them from making health care decisions
 - Future care decisions they might need 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 AWW

- Review current opioid prescriptions
 - Review their 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 [Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force Report](#)

Elements of Initial AWW

- Screen for potential substance use disorders
 - 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 [National Institute on Drug Abuse Screening and Assessment Tools Chart](#)

Elements of Subsequent AWW

- 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

Elements of Subsequent AWW

- Detection of any cognitive impairment
- Update to written screening schedule for patient developed during first AWW
- 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

AWV Billing – HCPCS Codes

Code	Description
G0438	Annual wellness visit, includes personalized prevention plan service (PPPS), first 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 as an Optional Element of an AWW

- 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
 - At the patient's discretion, you can provide the ACP during the AWW

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 AWW

- Deductible and coinsurance waived for ACP when performed with an AWW
 - Provided on the same day as the covered AWW
 - Provided by the same provider as the covered AWW
 - Billed with modifier – 33 (Preventive Service)
 - Billed on the same claim as the AWW

Resources for ACP

- [Frequently Asked Questions about Billing the Physician Fee Schedule for Advance Care Planning Services](#)
- MLN[®] Fact Sheet: [*Advance Care Planning*](#)

Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services

- Medicare covers a visit for a cognitive assessment and to develop a plan of care for Medicare patients who show signs of cognitive impairment during their annual wellness visit or a routine office visit
 - Payable to providers who can report E/M
 - POS = office, outpatient, home, care facility, telehealth

Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services - Coding and Payment

- 99483
 - 50 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 functional assessment staging test (FAST) and clinical dementia rating (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 AWWV
 - Allowed to be performed at same visit
 - Bill and document according to requirements for each preventive service

Additional Services

- E/M services (CPT codes 99201–99215)
 - Must be medically necessary and separately identifiable
 - Do not include AWW components when coding E/M
 - Portion of history or physical exam portion
 - Report with modifier 25 when appropriate
 - Documentation guidelines for E/M
 - MLN® Booklet: [*Evaluation and Management Services Guide*](#)

Common Reasons for Claim Denial

- Second initial AWW billed for beneficiary
- Subsequent AWW was performed less than 12 full months after previous covered AWW

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Preventive Services

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 need them.

If you're a person with Medicare, [learn about all preventive services](#).

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Resources and References

Resources

- MLN® Educational Tool: [Medicare Wellness Visits](#)
- MLN® Educational Tool: [Medicare Preventive Services](#)
- MLN Matters® [SE18004: Review of Opioid Use during the Initial Preventive Physical Examination \(IPPE\) and Annual Wellness Visit \(AWV\)](#)
- [CMS Roadmap To Address The Opioid Epidemic](#)
- MLN® Booklet: [Evaluation and Management Services Guide](#)
- [Cognitive Assessment & Care Plan Services](#)

References

- [CMS IOM Publication 100-02, *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*, Chapter 15, Section 280.5](#)
- [CMS IOM Publication 100-04, *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 12, Section 30.6.1.1](#)
- [CMS IOM Publication 100-04, *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18, Section 140](#)

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