

## A successful Annual Wellness Visit will:

- Identify patients who need disease management or intervention.
- Improve meaningful data exchanges between health plan and providers.
- Improve quality of care provided and patient health outcomes.

## The medical record must support all diagnoses and all services billed on the claim

- Address all conditions that require or affect patient care, treatment or management
- Thoroughly document the specific diagnoses and care plan
- Code to the highest specificity using ICD-10 Guidelines
- Consider including CPT II® codes to provide additional details
- Submit claim/encounter data for each service rendered
- Ensure all claim/encounter data is accurate and submitted in a timely manner

Annual Wellness Visits			
<b>Welcome to Medicare Exam</b>  G0402 (Once in a lifetime benefit)	<b>Initial Annual Wellness Visit</b>  G0438 (Once in a lifetime benefit)	<b>Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit</b>  G0439 (All subsequent visits)	The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) includes Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS) that focus on disability and disease prevention. This service is covered once per calendar year. (Refer to Medicare Claims Processing Manual for other services covered at the time of an IPPE or AWV.)

Annual Physical Exams			
Exam Type	Initial	Subsequent	
Age 18-39	99385	99395	Annual Physical Exams include an appropriate history/exam with risk counseling and/or quality intervention. The extent and focus of exam depends on the age and gender of the patient. This service is covered once per calendar year (Refer to CPT Code book for further guidance and to view other services covered at the time of a preventive medicine exam)
Age 40-64	99386	99396	
Age 60+	99387	99397	

NOTE: Follow ICD-10-CM/CPT/HCPS Guidelines for Coding and Reporting at <https://www.cms.gov>. HEDIS measures can be found at <https://www.ncqa.org>

Seperate Evaluation and Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider may perform separately identifiable services 99201 - 99215, 99385 - 99387, 99395 - 99397, G0402, G0438 - G0439 on the same day.</li> <li>• Documentation must satisfy medical necessity for a problem oriented E/M separately from the components of the AWW and the Routine Physical Exam.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The components of both the AWW and the Routine Physical Exam must be met and documented.</li> <li>• Report E/M and routine physical with modifier -25 when performed on the same date.</li> </ul>

ICD-10: Encounter for general adult medical exam
Report the documented reason for the encounter as the primary diagnosis code and assign additional diagnosis codes if applicable. Follow the current year's Official ICD-10-CM Guidelines for Coding and Reporting.
<b>...with normal findings, Z00.00</b> Use when conditions are stable or improving Report additional codes for chronic conditions
<b>...with abnormal findings, Z00.01</b> Use when any abnormality is found during the visit Report additional codes for all existing conditions

## Required Components:

Annual Wellness Visit
<b>Establish / Review or Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health Risk Assessment (HRA), if needed</li> <li>- Medical, social, and family history, and list of current providers</li> <li>- Risk factor Screenings                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depression and mood disorders</li> <li>Functional ability</li> <li>Level of safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Written preventive screening schedule</li> <li>- Risk factors/Conditions that need/receive intervention                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treatment options with associated risks/benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Personalized health advice/Referrals provided to patient</li> <li>- Health education/Counseling/Preventive Services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight loss    Physical activity    Nutrition</li> <li>Smoking cessation    Fall prevention</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical and social history</li> <li>- Risk factors for depression and mood disorders</li> <li>- Functional ability and level of safety</li> </ul> <b>Examine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Height, weight and BMI</li> <li>- Blood pressure</li> <li>- Visual acuity screen</li> <li>- Any other factors based on individual's medical and social history</li> </ul> <b>Include</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End of life planning - patient may decline</li> <li>- Education, counseling, and referral as appropriate                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on review and exam assessment</li> <li>To obtain screenings and other preventive services</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Brief written plan – provided to the patient</li> </ul>

Annual Physical Exam
Exam focused on modifiable risk factors and disease prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No chief complaint</li> <li>Not due to present illness</li> </ul>
- Comprehensive history and physical exam findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete systems review</li> <li>Past medical, social, and family history</li> <li>Pertinent risk factors</li> </ul>
- Description and status of chronic conditions that are not significant enough to require additional work-up
- Description and care plan for minor problems that do not require additional work-up
- Risk factor and age appropriate counseling, screening labs, tests, and vaccines including orders and/or referrals
<i>Document and code any abnormalities found, regardless of whether the finding requires an additionally reported service</i>

## Seperate Services Covered in addition to the AWW

Refer to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual

### Preventative Services

- Diabetes outpatient self-management training
- Medical nutrition therapy for diabetes or renal disease
- Bone mass measurement
- Electrocardiogram
- Ultrasound for abdominal aortic aneurysms

### Screenings

- Colorectal cancer    Cardiovascular    Pap smear
- Pelvic examination    Prostate cancer
- Mammography    Diabetes    Glaucoma

### Vaccines and Administration

- Pneumococcal    Influenza    Hepatitis B

## Covered in addition to the Annual Physical

Refer to the current CPT Coding Manual

### Screenings

- Vision    Hearing    Developmental

### Vaccines

- Toxoid Administration    Risk/benefit counseling

### Ancillary Studies

- Laboratory    Radiology    Other procedures

### Included with Exam

- Preventive Medicine Counseling, Individual    Smoking / Tobacco Cessation
- Alcohol / Substance abuse Screening and Intervention    Other additional preventive services

## Who can perform the AWW?

- **Physician** - doctor of medicine or osteopathy
- **Qualified Non-Physician** - physician assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist
- **Medical Professional** - health educator, registered dietitian, nutrition professional, or other licensed practitioner, clinical staff, or a team of such medical professionals, working under the direct supervision of a physician or qualified non-physician. (CLINICAL STAFF - registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical assistant)

**Non-authorized medical professionals and clinical staff are not permitted to perform any part of the AWW that requires the exercise of independent clinical judgment or the making of clinical assessments, evaluations, or interpretations.**

## HEDIS® Measures

General Measures	Screenings	Diabetes
BMI Assessment	Colorectal Cancer	HbA1c Testing & Control
Blood Pressure Control	Breast Cancer	Diabetic Eye Exam
Medication Reconciliation	Cognitive Function	Nephropathy Screening
	Depression	

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