Annual Wellness & Physical Exam Visit Coding

Oakland Physician Network Services

A successful Medicare Annual Wellness Visit will:

Identify patients who need disease management or intervention

Identify 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 or encounter data is accurate and submitted in a timely manner

ICD-10-CM Codes	CPT/HCPS Codes		HEDIS Measures
Z00.00 (Adult) **"With normal findings"** ☐ Use when chronic conditions are stable or improving at the time of the encounter ☐ Report existing chronic conditions **Z00.01 (Adult)** **"With abnormal findings"** ☐ Use when any abnormality is present at the time of the encounter ☐ Report additional codes for all conditions addressed	**G0402** **One-Time Benefit**	**"Welcome to Medicare Exam"** Initial Preventative Physical Exam (IPPE) focuses on baseline health history, vital signs, vision screening, and orientation to preventive benefits. Patient is eligible for this visit only once in their lifetime, and it is NOT considered a standard AWV	☐ Body Mass Index (BMI) Assessment (BMI and Weight Required) ☐ Colorectal Cancer Screening ☐ Breast Cancer Screening ☐ Controlled Blood Pressure ☐ Diabetes Mellitus • HbA1C Testing • Dilated Eye Exam • Kidney Health eGFR (blood) & uACR (urine) ☐ Depression Screening ☐ Cognitive Function Screening (mini mental exam) ☐ Medication List (1159F) ☐ Medication Review (1160F) ☐ Functional Status Assessment (1170F)
	G0438 **One-Time Benefit**	**Initial** Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) a structured health risk assessment, review of medical and family history, cognitive and depression screening, functional status evaluation, and creation of a personalized prevention plan	
	G0439	**Subsequent** Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) updates the patient's health risk assessment and prevention plan rather than repeating the full initial assessment	
	NEW PT – Physical Exam 99385 – 99387 **EST. PT – Physical Exam 99395 - 99397**	**Routine Physical Exam** A physical exam is a preventive health visit where your provider checks your body (head-to-toe) for signs of disease, measures key health markers, updates your screenings, and reviews your overall well-being.	

Annual Wellness Visit

- A preventive service that the patient is not responsible for any fees
- Designed to develop or update a personalized prevention plan and promote early detection of health issues
- When a SDOH risk assessment is performed during the AWV, add code G0136 with Modifier 33
- NOT a comprehensive (Routine) Physical Exam.
- Unlike a traditional routine Physical Exam, it does not include a head-to-toe evaluation or treatment for specific illnesses

Routine Physical Exam

- Provider may perform separately identifiable services 99201 – 99215
- The patient will be responsible for the fees (co-pays or deductibles).
- CPT codes (e.g., 99381–99397) are NOT covered by Medicare for adults and should NOT be billed as AWVs
- All diagnoses must be properly documented and reported for each encounter
- Report E/M and routine physical with modifier -25 when performed on the same date of service as the physical exam

Documentation must satisfy medical necessity for a problem-oriented E/M separately from the components of the AWV or the Routine Physical Exam