



BILLING POLICY No. 064

MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT / PREVENTIVE CARE VISITS

Date of origin: Dec. 26, 2024

Review dates: None yet recorded

APPLIES TO

- Medicare follows CMS unless otherwise specified

DEFINITION

Medicare preventive health services are covered at \$0 cost share.

POLICY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Welcome to Medicare visit / Initial preventive physical exam (IPPE)

Physical performed when the member is new to Medicare, in addition to annual physical exams.

Limit:

- Once per lifetime
- Must be used within 12 months of first Part B effective date

Codes:

- G0402* – Welcome to Medicare visit
- G0403 – EKG with Welcome to Medicare visit
- G0404 – EKG tracing for Welcome to Medicare visit
- G0405 – EKG interpretations & report for Welcome to Medicare visit

*Note: Priority Health doesn't reimburse for a Welcome to Medicare visit (G0402) when performed on the same date as other preventive medicine exams and services.

Annual wellness visit (AWV)

Yearly appointment for members who have not already received a Welcome to Medicare or annual wellness visit in the current calendar year.

Limit:

- G0438 – Once per lifetime
- G0439 – Once per calendar year

Codes:

- G0438 – Initial annual wellness visit
- G0439 – Subsequent annual wellness visit

“Free to talk” annual preventive physical exams

Supplemental benefit offered by Priority Health Medicare. This preventive physical exam may be performed in conjunction with an annual wellness exam. The member will pay \$0 for both visits if done on the same day.

Limit:

- Once per calendar year

Codes:

- Preventive medicine codes
 - 99381-99387: new patient
 - 99391-99397: established patient
- Any labs/tests/etc. ordered as a result of this visit will follow normal copay structure.

Note: Verify member hasn't already had an annual wellness or preventive physical exam from their primary care physician to avoid duplicate, non-medically necessary services.

Modifier:

- Modifier 52: Use modifier 52 to report a preventive physical exam given on the same day as an annual wellness exam.

Advanced care planning

See our [Advanced care planning billing policy](#).

Place of service

- Primary care setting

Resources

See the [Medicare Learning Article, Medicare Wellness Visits](#), for further billing guidelines.

CHANGE / REVIEW HISTORY

Date	Revisions made