

MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT (AWV)

CODING:

G0438	Annual wellness visit, includes Personalized Prevention Plan of Service (PPPS), 1st visit
G0439	Annual wellness visit, includes PPPS, subsequent visit
-25	Modifier added to separate E/M (99201-99215) if performed and billed same day as AWV

REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF INITIAL AWV G0438:

Acquire Beneficiary History

- Health Risk Assessment
- Establishment of the beneficiary's medical/family history
 - Medical/surgical history (including allergies, injuries, treatments, hospital stays and illness)
 - Use/exposure to medications
 - Medical events in the beneficiary's parents/siblings/children which may increase risk
- Establishment of list of current providers/suppliers
 - Include current providers/suppliers regularly involved in providing medical care
- Review of potential risk factors for depression, including current/past experience with depression or other mood disorders.
 - Use any appropriate tool to screen on persons without a current diagnosis of depression
- Review of functional ability and level of safety
 - Hearing impairment
 - Ability to successfully perform activities of daily living
 - Fall risk/home safety

Begin Examination

- An Examination
 - Obtain height, weight, BMI or waist circumference, and BP
 - Other routine measurements deemed appropriate, based on PFH
- Detection of cognitive impairment
 - Information from observation or reported by patient and/or family, caregiver

Counsel Beneficiary

- Establishment of written screening checklist for next 5-10 years
 - Recommendations from USPSTF and ACIP
 - Health status; screening history
 - Age appropriate preventive services covered by Medicare
- Establishment of risk factors and conditions where interventions are recommended
 - Include any mental health conditions or such risk factors
 - List of treatment options and associated risk and benefits
- Furnishing of personalized health advice and appropriate referrals to education or screening services. Programs aimed at:
 - Community-based lifestyle interventions to promote wellness
 - Weight loss, physical activity, smoking cessation, fall prevention, nutrition

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QUESTIONS?

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REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF SUBSEQUENT AWW G0439:

Update Beneficiary History

- Collect an updated Health Risk Assessment
- Update the beneficiary's medical/family history
 - Medical/surgical history (including allergies, injuries, treatments, hospital stays and illness)
 - Use/exposure to medications
 - Medical events in the beneficiary's parents/siblings/children which may increase risk
- Update the list of current providers/suppliers
 - Include current providers/suppliers regularly involved in providing medical care

Begin Examination

- An Examination
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Counsel Beneficiary

- Update the written screening checklist for next 5-10 years
 - Recommendations from USPSTF and ACIP
 - Health status; screening history
 - Age appropriate preventive services covered by Medicare
- Update the list of risk factors and conditions where interventions are recommended
 - Include any mental health conditions or such risk factors
 - List of treatment options and associated risk and benefits
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References:

- MLN "Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS)"
<http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7079.pdf>
- MLN "Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Annual Wellness Visit" (ICN 905706)
http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/AWW_Chart_ICN905706.pdf

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