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**Medicare Advantage Annual Wellness Visit
Preventive Exam/E&M Exam**

Values

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Abstract Purpose:

This reimbursement policy outlines Network Health Insurance Corporation (NHIC's) process, when claims are submitted for an annual wellness visit (AWV), a preventive exam, and/or an evaluation and management (E&M) exam.

Policy Detail:

- I. Network Health Insurance Corporation (NHIC) allows an annual wellness visit and a preventive exam under its Medicare Advantage programs. Preventive exams are an enhanced benefit for our Medicare Advantage membership.
- II. At times, providers bill an annual wellness visit and a preventive exam on the same day which is a duplication of services. When this occurs, the following reimbursement methodology applies:
 - A. If an annual wellness visit (AWV) is billed with an evaluation and management exam (E&M) **or** a preventive exam on the same day, NHIC will allow the AWV at one hundred percent (100%) of the allowed amount, and reduce either the E&M **or** the preventive exam by fifty percent (50%) of the allowed amount.
 - B. If an annual wellness visit (AWV), evaluation and management exam (E&M), and a preventive exam are billed on the same day, NHIC will allow the AWV at one hundred percent (100%) of the allowed amount, the E&M will be reduced by fifty percent (50%) of the allowed amount, and the preventive exam will be reduced by seventy five percent (75%) of the allowed amount.
 1. Annual wellness visit HCPC codes G0438 or G0439 will be reimbursed at one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable Medicare rate.
 2. If claims are received with the CPT and Diagnosis code combination below, they will be denied provider liability.

- a. CPT Code 99397 - Periodic comprehensive preventive medicine reevaluation and management, established patient, 65 years and older
AND
- b. Diagnosis code Z01.419 - Encounter for gynecological examination (general) (routine) without abnormal findings

Definitions:

Evaluation and Management Exam:

E&M exams represent services provided by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional for visits and services that involve evaluating and managing patient health.

- CPT codes 99202-99205 & 99211-99215

Preventive Exam:

A preventive exam is a yearly appointment intended to prevent illnesses and detect health concerns early, before symptoms are noticeable.

- CPT codes 99381-99387 & 99391-99397

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