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**Preventive Medicine (Commercial)****Values**

Accountability • Integrity • Service Excellence • Innovation • Collaboration

**Abstract Purpose:**

This guideline describes Network Health's policy for Commercial (HMO/POS) product, when preventive medicine Evaluation and Management (E&M) services are performed on the same day as problem-oriented E&M services. This policy applies to services provided in a professional setting.

For the purposes of this policy, same specialty physician and/or other health care professional is defined as a physician and/or other health care professional of the same group and same specialty reporting the same federal tax identification number (TIN).

**Policy Detail:**

Preventive medicine E&M services include annual physical and well child examinations usually separate from disease related diagnoses. Occasionally, an abnormality is encountered, or a pre-existing problem is addressed during the preventive E&M visit and significant elements of a disease related E&M service is provided during the same visit.

When this occurs, Network Health will only reimburse the preventive medicine E&M service and the problem-oriented E&M service codes when the problem-oriented E&M code is appended with Modifier 25. If the E&M service is minor, or if the problem-oriented E&M service code is not submitted with Modifier 25, it will be denied with Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Code 97 "*the benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated*".

**Reimbursement:**

A preventive medicine E&M code and a problem-oriented E&M code may both be submitted for the same patient by the same specialty physician or other health care professional on the same date of service. If the problem-oriented E&M code represents a significant, separately, identifiable service and is submitted with Modifier 25, Network Health will reimburse the preventive medicine code at one hundred percent (100%) of the allowed amount and will reimburse the problem-oriented E&M code at fifty percent (50%) of the allowed amount.

### **Preventive Medicine Inclusive Services:**

When the following services are submitted on the same date of service by the same specialty physician or other health care professional, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed:

- Administration and interpretation of health risk assessments
- Counseling services
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Screening services
- Visual function and visual acuity screenings

### **Related Policies:**

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

### **Definitions:**

**Modifier 25:** Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician or other qualified health care professional on the same date of the procedure or other service.

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