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Preventive Medicine (Commercial)*Values*

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Abstract Purpose:

This reimbursement policy outlines Network Health’s process, for the 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:

- I. 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.
- II. 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*”.
- III. **Reimbursement**
 - A. 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.

IV. Preventive Medicine Inclusive Services

A. 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:

1. Administration and interpretation of health risk assessments
2. Counseling services
3. Medical nutrition therapy services
4. Screening services
5. 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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