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## Preventive Medicine (Commercial)

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### *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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