

PROVIDER Update



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Annual Wellness Visit & Annual Routine Physical Exam

Allwell from Health Net (Allwell) recommends completion of an Annual Wellness Visit and an Annual Routine Physical exam for Medicare members. Please consider implementing Medicare's Annual Wellness Visits as another tool to help Allwell members stay as healthy as possible.

ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT

The purpose of the Annual Wellness Visit is to develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on current health and risk factors.

Note: The first Annual Wellness Visit cannot take place within 12 months of a member's "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit. However, members do not need to have had a "Welcome to Medicare" visit to be covered for Annual Wellness Visits after they have been enrolled in Part B Medicare for 12 months.

An initial **Annual Wellness Visit** code is documented using G0438, subsequent **Annual Wellness Visits** are documented using code G0439.

An Annual Wellness Visit is covered when performed by a:

- Physician (a doctor of medicine or osteopathy)
- Qualified non-physician practitioner (a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified clinical nurse specialist) Medical professional (including a health educator, registered dietitian, nutrition professional, or other licensed practitioner), or a team of medical professionals who are directly supervised by a physician (doctor of medicine or osteopathy)

ANNUAL ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAM

The Annual Routine Physical Exam allows members to seek a separate visit with their physician to discuss general health questions/issues without presenting a specific chief complaint. The exam includes a comprehensive review of systems and physical examination.

The Annual Routine Physical Exam can be documented using codes 99385-99387 for new patients and codes 99395-99397 for established patients.

Annual Routine Physical Exam: 99387 or 99397- Elements of an Annual Routine Physical Exam:

- Comprehensive history and physical exam
- Status review of chronic diseases/conditions
- Documenting the management of minor problems that do not require additional work
- Ordering appropriate immunizations, laboratory/radiology services and screening tests
- Counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions

BILLING AND CODING

When an Annual Wellness Visit and Annual Routine Physical Exam occur at the same date of service, no modifier is necessary. No specific diagnosis is required for the Annual Wellness Visit, but Z00.00 or Z00.01 is appropriate for the Annual Routine Physical Exam.

THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING **HEALTH NET OF ARIZONA PROVIDERS TYPES:**

- Physicians
- Medical Groups/IPAs
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BILLING AND CODING CONTINUED

A Depression Screening (G0444) is a required component within the initial Annual Wellness Visit (G0438) and should not be billed separately. If a depression screening is completed at the time of a subsequent Annual Wellness Exam (G0439), then billing both codes would be appropriate, G0439 and G0444.

CPT/HCPC Codes	Billing Code Descriptions
99385-99387	Annual Routine Physical Exam-New Patient
99395-99397	Annual Routine Physical Exam-Established Patient
G0438	Annual Wellness Visit, Initial (AWV) includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPS)
G0439	Annual Wellness Visit, Subsequent (AWV) includes a personalized plan of service (PPS)
G0444	Annual Depression Screening, 15 minutes or just "Depression screen annual" for short, used in medical care.
ICD 10 Codes	
Z00.00	Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings
Z00.01	Encounter for general adult medical examination with abnormal findings

PLEASE NOTE

This is a calendar year benefit for members, there are no coinsurance, copayment, or deductibles for Medicare enrollees for an Annual Wellness Visit or for the Annual Routine Physical Exam.

Providers are able to bill for an Annual Wellness Visit and an Annual Routine Physical Exam in the same visit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update or if additional education is needed please contact your Provider Engagement Specialist or email AzCHProviderEngagement@azcompletehealth.com.