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**Summary**
The Preventive Medicine and Screening policy addresses reimbursement of preventive medicine services when performed with other evaluation and management (E/M), screening and miscellaneous services.

**Policy Statement**
Preventive medicine services are comprehensive in nature, reflect an age and gender appropriate history and examination, and include counseling, anticipatory guidance, and risk factor reduction interventions, usually separate from disease-related diagnoses. Occasionally, an abnormality is encountered or a pre-existing problem is addressed during the preventive visit, and significant elements of related E/M services are provided during the same visit. When this occurs, Medica will reimburse the preventive medicine E/M service at the contracted rate and the problem-oriented E/M service at 75% of the contracted rate, when appended with modifier 25.

Procedure codes used to bill preventive medicine services are:

During a visit for a preventive medicine service, other services may be provided. The following guidelines describe the payment policy for specific combinations of services.

**Preventive Medicine Service with Office and Other Outpatient E/M**
In the course of a preventive medicine visit, an abnormality or preexisting problem may be addressed. If the abnormality or problem is significant and requires the key components of a problem-oriented E/M service, the appropriate office/outpatient code (99201-99215) may be reported in addition to the preventive medicine code. Modifier 25 must be appended to the office/outpatient E/M code to indicate that a significant, separately identifiable E/M service was provided.

An abnormality or problem which does not require significant work should not be reported.

**Preventive Medicine with Prolonged Services**
Prolonged services codes represent add-on services that are reimbursed when reported in addition to an appropriate primary service. Preventive medicine services are not designated as appropriate primary codes for the prolonged service codes. When prolonged service add-on codes (99354, 99355) are billed with a preventive medicine code on the same date of service by the same physician or other health care professional, only the preventive medicine code is eligible for reimbursement.
Preventive Medicine with Counseling Services
The preventive medicine E/M codes include counseling services. Therefore, when a preventive medicine service and one of the following counseling codes (99401-99412, 0403T, G0296, G0396, G0397, G0443, G0445, G0446, G0447, G0473, S0265, S0257, S9470) are submitted for the same patient by the same physician or other health care professional on the same date of service, only the preventive medicine code will be reimbursed, even if modifier 25 is appended to the preventive medicine E/M code.

Preventive Medicine with Consultation Service
When a preventive medicine code and one of the following consultation codes (99241-99245, 99251-99255) are submitted for the same patient by the same physician or other health care professional on the same date of service, only the preventive medicine code will be reimbursed.

Preventive Medicine with Screening Services
The preventive medicine E/M service incorporates age and gender appropriate services. Therefore, when a preventive medicine E/M code and one of the following screening services codes (96110, G0101, G0102, G0442, G0444, Q0091) are submitted for the same patient by the same physician or other health care professional on the same date of service, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed.

Preventive Medicine with Medical Nutrition Therapy
When medical nutrition therapy codes (97802, 97803, 97804, G0270, G0271) are billed with a preventive medicine code on the same date of service by the same physician or other health care professional, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed.

Screening Services with Office and Other Outpatient E/M
When a screening code (G0101, G0102) is submitted with a problem-oriented E/M code for the same patient by the same physician or other health care professional on the same date of service, and the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service and is appended with modifier 25, the E/M code is eligible for reimbursement.

Preventive Medicine with Vaccine Administration Services
When a vaccine administration code (90460-90461, 90471-90474) is submitted with a preventive medicine E/M service for the same patient by the same physician or other health care professional on the same date of service, the preventive E/M service will not be separately reimbursed. If a significant, separately identifiable preventive E/M service is performed in addition to immunization administration, append modifier 25 to the E/M code.

Visual Function and Acuity Screening Services
When a preventive medicine code and a visual screening service (99172, 99173) is provided for the same patient by the same physician or other health care professional on the same date of service, the visual function and acuity screening
service is eligible for separate reimbursement.

**Definitions**

**Modifier 25** – Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service.

**Same Physician or Other Health Care Professional** – The same individual physician or health care professional rendering health care services reporting the same federal tax identification number.

**Code Lists**

- Preventive Medicine Code List
- Services Not Separately Reimbursable Code List
- Office and Other Outpatient E/M Code List

**Resources**

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

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- 05/29/2014 Annual policy review
- 02/15/2014 Added section, “Preventive Medicine with Vaccine Administration Services”
- 10/03/2013 Annual policy review; reference to G0402 removed throughout the policy

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