

# Wellness Wednesday: Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

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## Objective

- Provide an overview of the Medicare preventive service: Ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)
- Encourage providers to promote and educate beneficiaries in life-saving preventive services and screenings
- Assist providers in billing so that claim denials can be avoided

# Today's Presenter



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# Agenda

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Overview of Medicare's Preventive Services Program

Ultrasound Screening for AAA

Resources and References

Question and Answer

# Preventive Services Overview

- CMS recognizes the importance of disease prevention, early detection and lifestyle modifications that support the health of Medicare beneficiaries
- Medicare pays for many preventive benefits, including educating Medicare beneficiaries about potentially life-saving services and screenings



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Depression Screening <span>T</span>	Diabetes Screening	Diabetes Self-Management Training <span>T</span>	Flu Shot & Administration	Glaucoma Screening	Hepatitis B Screening	Hepatitis B Shot & Administration
Hepatitis C Screening	HIV Screening	IBT for Cardiovascular Disease <span>T</span>	IBT for Obesity <span>T</span>	Initial Preventive Physical Exam	Lung Cancer Screening <span>T</span>	Mammography Screening
Medical Nutrition Therapy <span>T</span>	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program	Pneumococcal Shot & Administration	Prolonged Preventive Services <span>T</span>	Prostate Cancer Screening	Screening Pap Test	Screening Pelvic Exam
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# Deductible and Coinsurance Waived for Certain Preventive Services

- For DOS on or after 1/1/2011
  - Medicare deductible and coinsurance waived for preventive services included in this presentation
  - [CR 7012, “Waiver of Coinsurance and Deductible for Preventive Services, Section 4104 of Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, Removal of Barriers to Preventive Services in Medicare”](#)

# Did You Know

- A beneficiary must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to be covered for any Medicare preventive services

# Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

# What is AAA?

- Aneurysm: abnormal bulge or “ballooning” in wall of an artery
  - Most occur in aorta
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm
  - aneurysm that occurs in the aorta in the abdomen

# Ultrasound Screening for AAA

- Procedure that uses sound waves to detect AAA
  - Or other alternative procedure
- Includes interpretation of results

# Benefits of Ultrasound Screening for AAA

- Early identification/detection of AAA
- When detected early, can avoid life-threatening rupture
- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Section 5112 provided coverage of the ultrasound screening for AAA
  - Effective for DOS on/after 1/1/2007

# Who is Covered

- Beneficiaries included in at least one high-risk category
  - See high-risk categories on next slide
- Covered for once in lifetime preventive ultrasound

# AAA High Risk Categories

- Family history of AAA
- Males, age 65–75 with history of smoking
- Manifests other risk factors in category recommended for screening through NCD process
  - Coronary heart disease
  - Hypercholesterolemia
  - Hypertension
  - Cerebrovascular disease

# Who Can Perform

- Referral from physician or qualified NPP
- Performed by physician or qualified NPP
  - NP
  - PA
  - CNS

# Documentation

- Must show screening was ordered by a physician or qualified NPP
- Purpose is early detection of AAA

# TOBs

Facility Type	TOB
Hospital inpatient Part B, including CAH	12X
Hospital outpatient	13X
SNF inpatient Part B	22X
SNF outpatient	23X
RHC	71X
FQHC	77X
CAH outpatient	85X

# Billing Requirements

- Report appropriate diagnosis code
- Line-item billing for ultrasound screening for AAA
  - Report revenue code 040X
  - Report CPT code 76706
    - ✓ Ultrasound abdominal aorta, real time with image documentation, screening study for AAA
  - One unit

# Additional Information for RHCs/FQHCs

- Ultrasound screening for AAA does not qualify as stand-alone billable encounter
  - Report screening as incident to billable encounter
  - If only service performed on DOS, do not submit claim
- Reimbursement included in AIR/PPS payment

# Reimbursement

Facility Type	Basis of Reimbursement
Hospital	Included in OPPS or MPFS
SNF	MPFS non-facility rate
RHC/FQHC	Included in AIR/PPS
CAH Method I	101% of reasonable cost for TC
CAH Method II	101% of reasonable cost for TC, plus 115% of MPFS nonfacility rate for PC

# Beneficiary Cost-Sharing

- Effective for DOS on/after 1/1/2011
  - Deductible waived
  - Coinsurance/copayment waived
  - Affordable Care Act Section 4104

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# What You Should Do Now

- Share this presentation with internal staff members
- Talk to your patients about the importance of taking advantage of Medicare preventive services
- Update system with correct coding information
- Update any internal procedure to avoid costly, time-consuming claim errors

# References, Resources and Wrap Up

# Resources

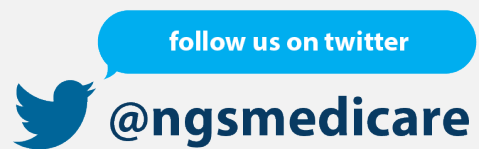
- [MLN® Article MM5235](#), “Implementation of a One-Time Only Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA), Resulting from a Referral from an Initial Preventive Physical Examination”
- [MLN® Article SE0711 Revised](#), “Reminder – Medicare Now Provides Coverage for Eligible Medicare Beneficiaries of a One-Time Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAA) When Referred for this Screening as a Result of the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (“Welcome to Medicare” Physical Exam)”

# Resources

- [CMS IOM Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 9 – Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Centers](#)
  - Section 160, Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)
- [CMS IOM Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18 – Preventive and Screening Services](#)
  - Section 110, Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

# Resources

- Medicare Preventive Services Education Tool
  - [ICN 006559 May 2023](#)
- [Affordable Care Act, Section 4104 – Removal of Barriers to Preventive Services in Medicare](#)



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