



# Preventive Services Resources and Updates

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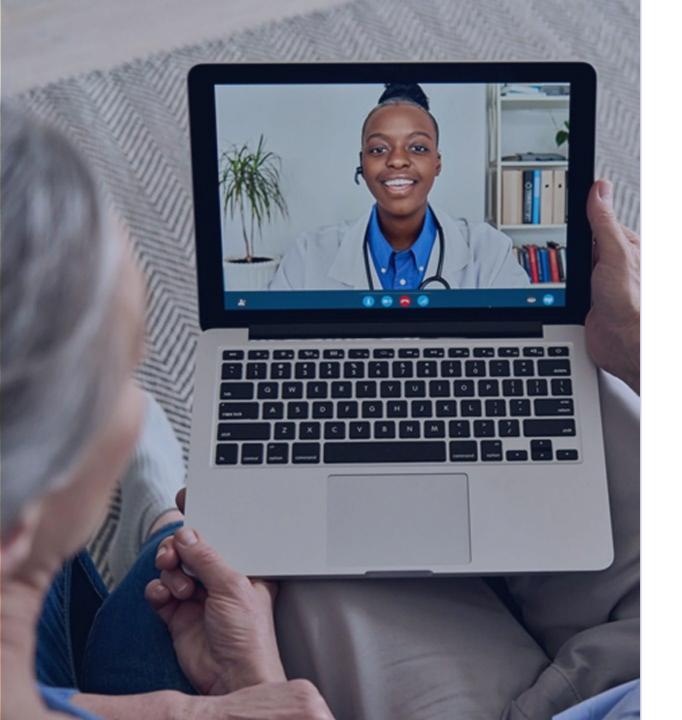


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### Objectives

Provide a high-level overview of Medicare preventive services, advise attendees on where to research preventive services coverage and billing information and provide recent updates to payment and billing guidelines.





### Today's Presenters

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### Agenda

Overview of Medicare's Preventive Services Program

<u>Preventive Services Updates</u>

Resources and References

**Questions and Answers** 







### Preventive Services Overview

- Medicare began covering preventive services in 1981
- CMS recognizes the importance of:
  - educating about potentially life-saving services and screenings
  - early detection and/or prevention of diseases
  - assisting with/suggesting lifestyle modifications





### **Preventive Services**

- Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling
- Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)
- Bone Mass Measurement
- Cardiovascular Disease Screening
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Abuse

- Depression Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- Diabetes Self-Management Training
- Glaucoma Screening
- Hepatitis B Screening and Vaccine
- Hepatitis C Virus Screening
- HIV Screening





### Preventive Services (continued)

- Intensive Behavioral Therapy Cardiovascular Disease
- Intensive Behavorial Therapy for Obesity
- Initial Preventive Physical Exam
- Lung Cancer Screening
- Mammography Screening
- Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) Services
- Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program

- Pneumococcal Vaccine
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- Screening Pap Test
- Screening Pelvic Exam
- Sexually Transmitted Infections Screening
- High Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs
- Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)





### Reminders

- Beneficiary must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to be covered for any Medicare preventive services
  - Ensure to verify eligibility!
- Each preventive service has certain criteria for coverage and billing guidelines
  - Age, gender, risk factors, frequency, coding
- Understand screening vs. diagnostic services





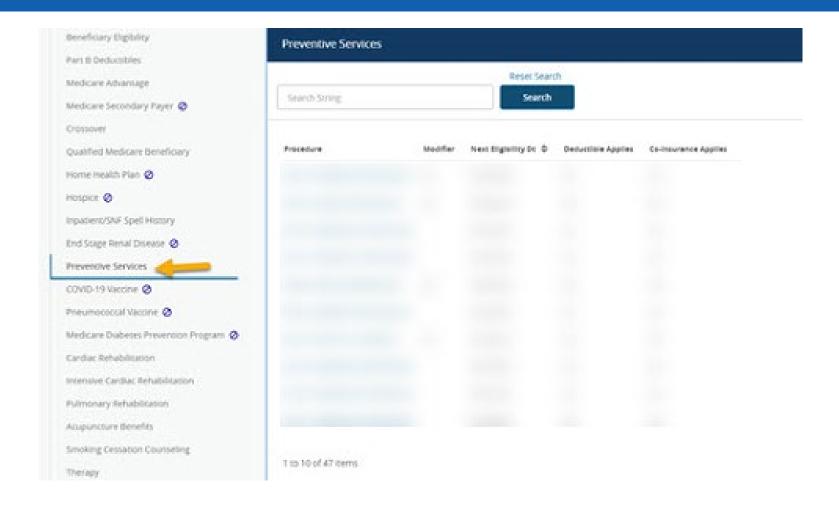
## Checking Eligibility Using NGSConnex

- Preventive Services section of NGSConnex shows beneficiary eligibility for each preventive service
- Information provided
  - Procedure and Description
  - Modifier
  - Next Eligibility Date
  - Deductible Applies Field will contain 'Yes' when applicable
  - Co-Insurance Applies Field will contain 'Yes' when applicable





### NGSConnex Preventive Services Section





### Medicare Preventive Services Resource Guide

- NGS website > Education > Specialties > Preventive Services
- Includes direct links to
  - MLN Educational Tool® Medicare Preventive Services
  - MLN Educational Tool® Medicare Wellness Visits
  - CMS Internet-Only Manuals
  - Medicare.gov resources





# Medicare Preventive Services: Quick Reference Chart

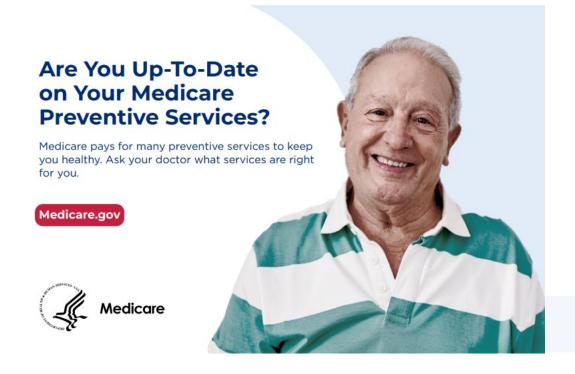
MLN006559 - Medicare Preventive Services





# How Can Medicare Beneficiaries Keep Track of Their Preventive Services?

 Provide your Medicare beneficiaries with the <u>Preventive</u> <u>Services Checklist</u> so they can track their preventive services.



- One time "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit—get this visit within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)
- Yearly "Wellness" visit—get this visit 12 months after your "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit or 12 months after your Part B coverage starts
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings
- ☐ Alcohol misuse screenings & counseling
- Bone mass measurements
- Cardiovascular behavioral therapy
- Cardiovascular disease screenings (cholesterol, lipids, triglycerides)
- ☐ Cervical & vaginal cancer screenings
- Colorectal cancer screenings
- Counseling to prevent tobacco use & tobaccocaused disease
- COVID-19 vaccines
- Depression screenings

- Diabetes screenings
- Diabetes self-management training
- Flu shots
- Glaucoma screenings
- Hepatitis B shots
- ☐ Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection screenings
- Hepatitis C screenings
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) screenings
- Lung cancer screenings
- Mammograms (Breast cancer screenings)
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
- Obesity behavioral therapy
- Pneumococcal shots
- Prostate cancer screenings
- Sexually transmitted infection screenings & counseling

For more details about Medicare's coverage of preventive services, including your costs in Original Medicare, visit Medicare, gov/publications to view or print the booklet "Your Guide to Medicare Preventive Services."

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## Preventive Services Updates

### 2024 – 2025 Vaccine Payment Allowances

- Seasonal influenza (flu) virus vaccines
  - Refer to <u>Vaccine Pricing</u> for payment allowances effective for dates of service 8/1/24–7/31/25
  - Change Request 13718
- COVID-19 vaccines and monoclonal antibodies
  - Certain payment allowances updated based on DOS
    - DOS on/after 8/22/24
      - 91318, 91319, 91320, 91321, 91322
    - DOS on/after 8/30/24
      - 91304
  - Refer to Vaccine Pricing for most current payment allowances



## Additional Payment for In-Home Vaccine Administration

- As of 1/1/24, additional payment allowed for administering vaccines to Medicare patients in their homes under certain circumstances
  - G0008 (flu)
  - G0009 (pneumococcal)
  - G0010 (hepatitis B)
  - 90480 (COVID-19)
  - M0201 (in-home add-on payment)
- Change Request 13408
- In-Home Vaccine Administration: Additional Payment



### Pneumococcal Vaccinations

- Effective 6/27/24, Medicare coverage requirements updated to align with CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations
  - Adults aged 65 or older who haven't previously received Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) or whose previous vaccination history is unknown
- CMS IOM Publication 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Section 50.4.4.2
- MLN Matters®: <u>MM13750 Revisions to Medicare Part B</u> <u>Coverage of Pneumococcal Vaccinations Policy</u>



# Screening for STIs and HIBC to Prevent STIs Update

- Effective 10/1/23
  - Add CPT 0402U (used for combined chlamydia and gonorrhea testing)
- Change Request 13738
- CMS Internet-Only Manual Publications
  - <u>100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual,</u> Chapter 1, Part 4, Section 210.3
  - 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18, Section 170.1
- NCD 210.10 Screening for STIs and High-Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs



## Colorectal Cancer Screening Update

- Effective on or after 7/29/24
  - Guardant Shield™ blood-based biomarker colorectal cancer screening test billable under HCPCS code G0327
- NCD 210.3, Colorectal Cancer Screening
- CMS Internet-Only Manual Publications
  - <u>100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual,</u> Chapter 1, Part 4, Section 210.3
  - 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18, Section 60





## Resources and References

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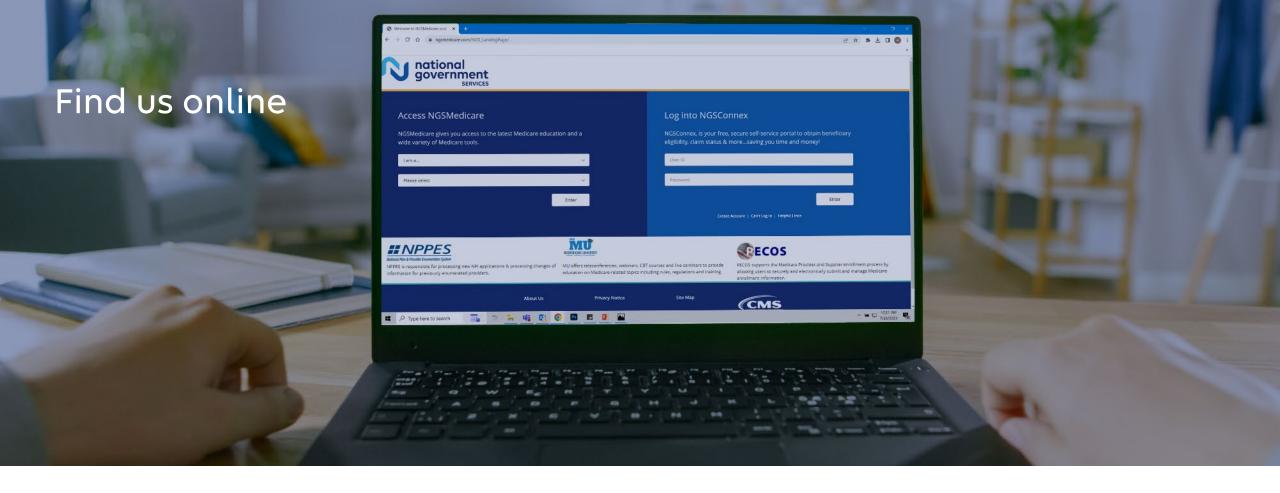
- CMS Preventive Services
- Preventive & Screening Services for patients
- Medicare & You: Medicare's preventive benefits (video)
- MLN® Educational Tool: <u>MLN006559 Medicare Preventive</u> <u>Services</u>
- MLN® Educational Tool: <u>Medicare Wellness Visits</u>
- Medicare Coverage Database



### CMS Internet-Only Manuals

- CMS Internet-Only Manual Publications
  - 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Section 280 -Preventive and Screening Services
  - 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18 Preventive and Screening Services







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#### IVR System

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Web portal for claim information



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