

The Initial Preventive Physical Examination

Promoting Good Health Through Disease Prevention and Detection

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Objective

Provide an overview of the IPPE

Encourage providers to promote and educate beneficiaries in life-saving preventive services and screenings

Assist providers in billing for IPPE so claim denials may be avoided

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Agenda

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Preventive Services Overview

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 over 30 preventive benefits, including
 - Shots and vaccines
 - Wellness visits
 - Diabetes-related services
 - Tests and screenings
 - Counseling and therapies
 - Mental health services

Did You Know

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



Medicare Preventive Services: Quick Reference Chart

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Alcohol Misuse Screening & Counseling ^T	Annual Wellness Visit ^T	Bone Mass Measurement	Cardiovascular Disease Screening Test	Cervical Cancer Screening	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use ^T
COVID-19 Vaccine & Administration	Depression Screening ^T	Diabetes Screening	Diabetes Self-Management Training ^T	Flu Shot & Administration	Glaucoma Screening	Hepatitis B Screening
Hepatitis B Shot & Administration	Hepatitis C Screening	HIV PrEP ^T	HIV Screening	IBT for Cardiovascular Disease ^T	IBT for Obesity ^T	Initial Preventive Physical Exam
Lung Cancer Screening ^T	Mammography Screening	Medical Nutrition Therapy ^T	Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program	Pneumococcal Shot & Administration	Prolonged Preventive Services ^T	Prostate Cancer Screening
Screening Pap Test	Screening Pelvic Exam	STI Screening & HIRC to Prevent STIs ^T	Ultrasound AAA Screening			

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How Can Medicare Beneficiaries Keep Track of Their Preventive Services?

- [Are You Up-To-Date on Your Medicare Preventive Services checklist](#)

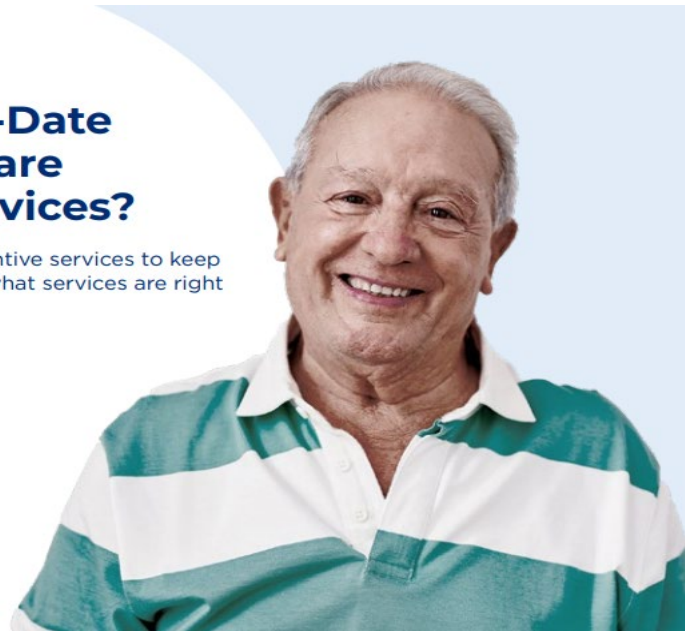
Are You Up-To-Date on Your Medicare Preventive Services?

Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. Ask your doctor what services are right for you.

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Medicare



- 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 & tobacco-caused 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](https://www.Medicare.gov/publications) to view or print the booklet "Your Guide to Medicare Preventive Services."

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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 most preventive services
 - [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”

IPPE Coverage, Components and Billing

Background

- [Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Section 611](#) added IPPE as new Medicare preventive service
 - Also known as “Welcome to Medicare Visit”
 - IPPE is not routine annual physical examination
- Benefits of IPPE
 - Promotes good health for Medicare patients
 - Early identification/detection of disease or risk factors for disease
 - Beneficiary education and counseling
 - May lead to referrals for additional preventive services/screenings

Eligibility and Frequency

- Beneficiaries whose Part B coverage began within past 12 months
- Not eligible for new IPPE if dropped Part B coverage and then later reenrolled
- One exam covered per lifetime
 - Must be performed within 12 months of date beneficiary's coverage begins under Part B

Who Can Perform?

- Physician
- Qualified NPP
 - NP
 - PA
 - CNS



Nine Components of the IPPE

- Must perform and document all components for valid IPPE
 1. Review beneficiary's medical and social history
 2. Review beneficiary's potential depression risk factors
 3. Review beneficiary's functional ability and safety level
 4. Exam
 5. End-of-life planning, upon patient agreement
 6. Review current opioid prescriptions
 7. Screen for potential SUDs
 8. Educate, counsel, and refer based on previous components
 9. Educate, counsel, and refer for other preventive services

1. Review Medical and Social History

- At a minimum, collect
 - Past medical and surgical history (illnesses, hospital stays, operations, allergies, injuries, and treatments)
 - Current medications, supplements, and other substances beneficiary may be using
 - Family history (review beneficiary's family and medical events, including hereditary conditions that place them at increased risk)
 - Diet
 - Physical activities
 - Social activities and engagement
 - Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use history
- Learn information about Medicare's [substance use disorder \(SUD\) services coverage](#)

2. Review Potential Depression Risk Factors

- Depression risk factors include
 - Current or past experiences with depression
 - Other mood disorders
- Use most appropriate depression screening tool
 - Must be one recognized by national professional medical organizations
 - APA's [Depression Assessment Instruments](#)

3. Review Functional Ability and Safety Level

- At a minimum, review beneficiary's
 - Ability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs)
 - Fall risk
 - Hearing impairment
 - Home and community safety, including driving when appropriate
- Methods to use
 - Direct patient observation
 - Appropriate screening questions
 - Standardized questionnaires recognized by national professional medical organizations
- Medicare offers [cognitive assessment and care plan services](#) for patients who show signs of impairment

4. Exam

- Measure beneficiary's
 - Height
 - Weight
 - BMI (or waist circumference, if appropriate)
 - Blood pressure
 - Balance
 - Gait
- Perform visual acuity screen
- Other measurements deemed appropriate based on medical and social history and current clinical standards

5. End-of-Life Planning

- Verbal or written information physician or practitioner offers beneficiary about
 - Their ability to prepare an advance directive in case an injury or illness prevents them from making their own health care decisions
 - If you agree to follow their advance directive
 - Includes [psychiatric advance directives](#)

6. Review Current Opioid Prescriptions

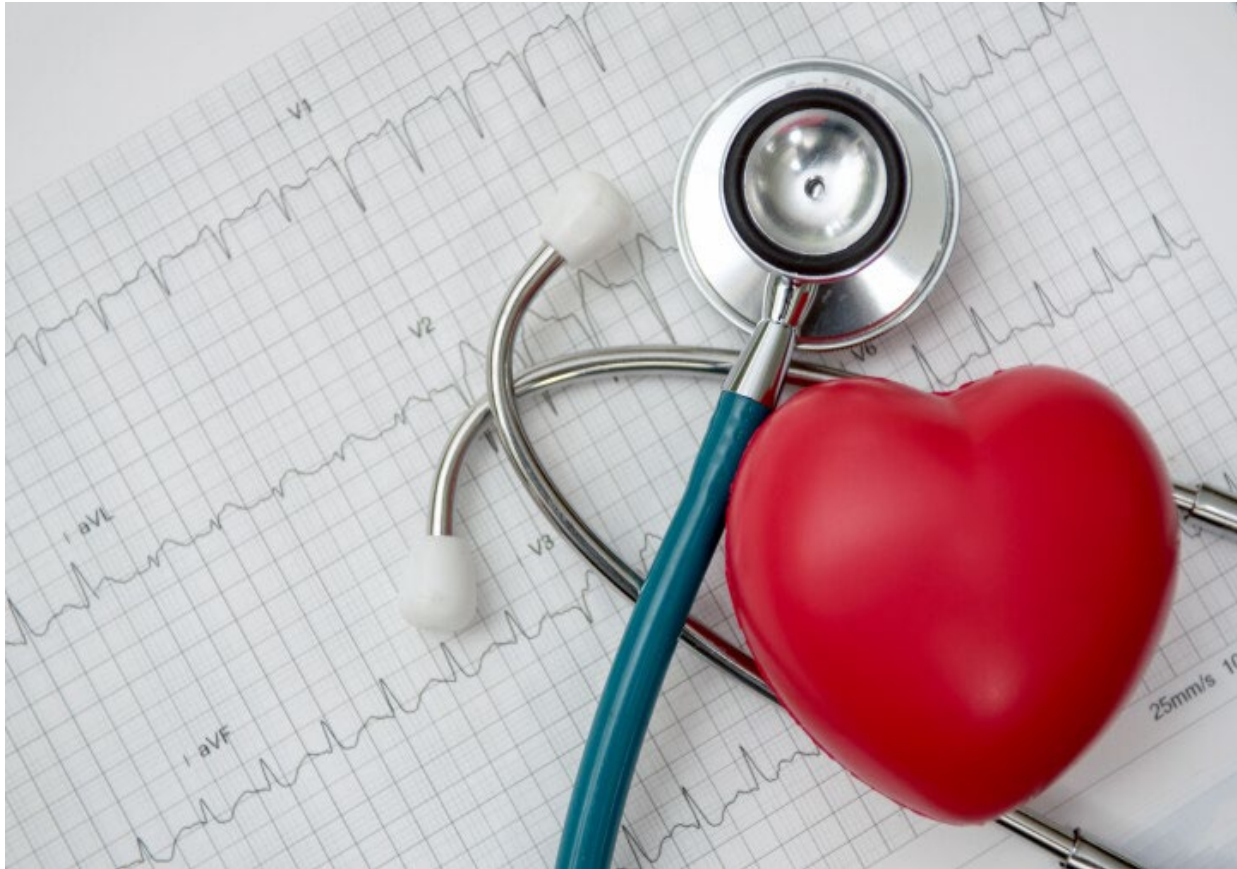
- For beneficiary with current [opioid](#) prescription
 - Review any potential OUD risk factors
 - Evaluate pain severity and current treatment plan
 - Provide information about non-opioid treatment options
 - Refer to specialist, as appropriate
 - Medicare covers monthly [chronic pain management and treatment services](#)
- [HHS Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force Report](#)

7. Screen for Potential SUDs

- Review beneficiary's potential SUD risk factors
 - Refer for treatment as appropriate
- Screening tool can be used, but not required
 - [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#) screening and assessment tools
- [Implementing Drug and Alcohol Screening in Primary Care](#)

8. and 9. Educate, Counsel and Refer

- Provide beneficiary with appropriate education, counseling, and referrals based on previous components
- Include brief written plan (such as checklist) for beneficiary to receive
 - Once-in-a-lifetime screening ECG, as appropriate
 - Appropriate screenings and other covered preventive services

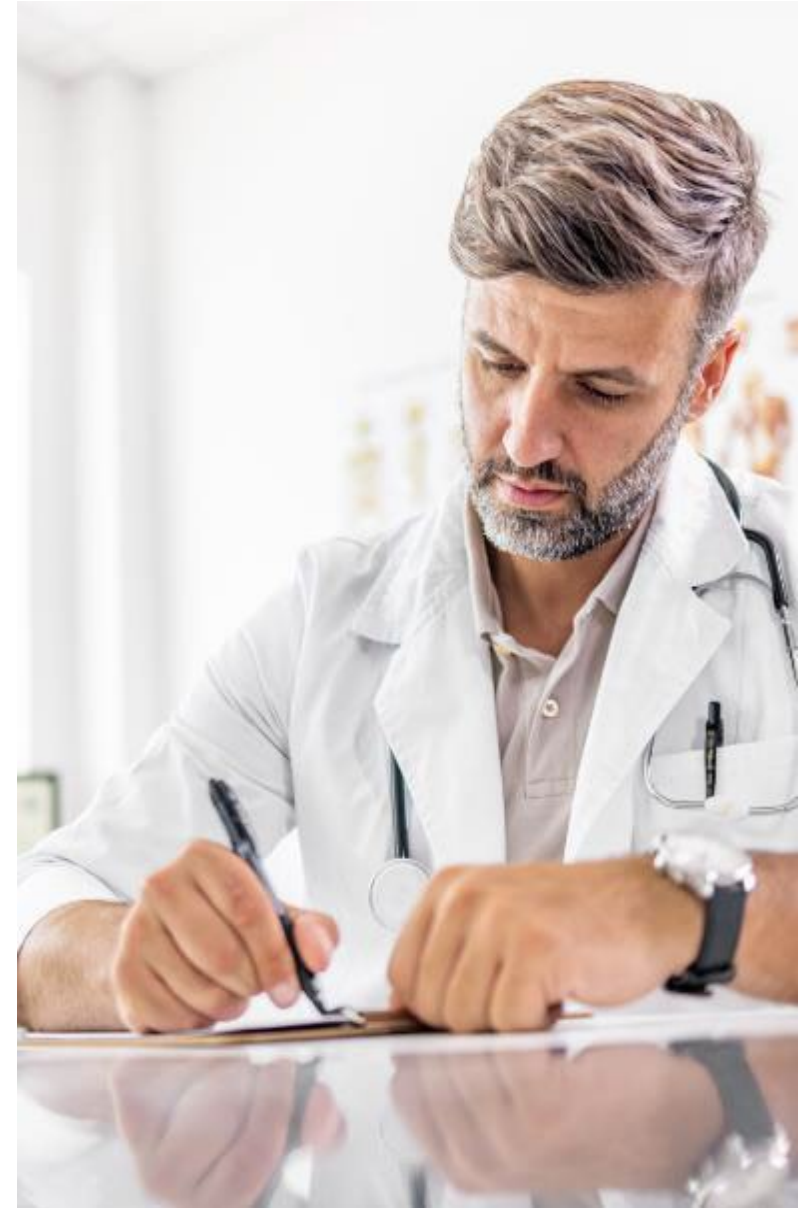


Not Included in IPPE

- Other preventive services covered/paid separately under Medicare Part B
- Technical component of EKG (billed separately to Part B)
 - No separate billing for professional component of EKG

Documentation

- Must show all required components performed
- Appropriate E/M screening tools
- Written medical plan
- Referrals (as applicable)



TOBs

TOB	Description	TOB	Description
12X	Hospital Inpatient (Part B)	71X	RHC
13X	Hospital Outpatient	77X	FQHC
22X	SNF Inpatient (Part B)	85X	CAH

Billing Requirements

- Line-item billing
 - Appropriate revenue code
 - HCPCS code(s)
 - G0402 – IPPE; face-to-face visit for new beneficiaries within first 12 months of Part B enrollment
 - G0403 – Routine EKG with 12 leads; performed as screening for IPPE, with interpretation and report
 - G0404 – Routine EKG with 12 leads; performed as screening for IPPE, tracing only (no interpretation, no report)
 - G0405 – Routine EKG with 12 leads; performed as screening for IPPE, interpretation and report only (no tracing)
 - One (1) unit

Additional Instructions for RHC/FQHC

- RHC
 - If only IPPE provided, bill as stand-alone visit
 - Report CG modifier on IPPE line
 - If IPPE provided with another billable visit, bill two visits
 - Report modifier CG on additional E/M line
 - Claim generates additional AIR
- FQHC
 - Report on claim
 - IPPE payment code G0468
 - IPPE qualifying visit HCPCS code G0402
 - Claim generates PPS payment with IPPE adjustment
 - Any additional services billed as incident to IPPE
 - No separate payment made

Reporting Modifier 25 on IPPE Claims

- When significant, separately identifiable medically necessary E/M provided in addition to IPPE
 - Use CPT code 99202–99205 or 99211–99215 with modifier 25
 - Does not apply to RHC/FQHC claims
- OPPS hospitals billing for G0402 and G0404
 - Report modifier 25 with G0402

Payment

Facility Type	Methodology
Hospital (IP, OP, Part B)	OPPS or reasonable cost
SNF	TC payment made for screening ECG based on MPFS
RHC	AIR
FQHC	PPS w/IPPE adjustment
CAH	All: 101% reasonable cost for technical component Method II: 115% MPFS nonfacility rate for professional component (reported under revenue code 096X, 097X or 098X)

Beneficiary Cost-Sharing

- IPPE
 - Deductible waived
 - Coinsurance waived
- Screening EKG
 - Deductible applies
 - Coinsurance applies

Avoiding IPPE Rejections


- Common rejections
 - IPPE performed outside of first 12 months of Part B coverage
 - Second IPPE billed for same beneficiary
- Verify eligibility using NGSConnex and/or FISS DDE
 - [NGSConnex User Guide – Preventive Services](#)
 - [FISS DDE Provider Online Guide – Beneficiary Eligibility](#)

NGSConnex Preventive Services Lookup


Beneficiary Eligibility


Part B Deductibles


Medicare Advantage


Medicare Secondary Payer 


Crossover


Qualified Medicare Beneficiary 


Home Health Plan 

Hospice Notice Of Elections 


Hospice Benefit Periods 

Inpatient/SNF Spell History 

End Stage Renal Disease 

Preventive Services 

Audiology Screening

Hepatitis Screening 


COVID-19 Vaccine

Flu Vaccine

Pneumococcal Vaccine

Preventive Services

Search String

Procedure	Modifier	Next Eligibility Dt 	Deductible Applies	Co-Insurance Applies
77067 - SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY			No	No
83036 - HEMOGLOBIN; GLYCOSYLAT			No	No
92550 - TYMPANOMETRY AND REFLE			No	No
92552 - PURE TONE AUDIOMETRY (No	No
92553 - PURE TONE AUDIOMETRY (No	No
92555 - SPEECH AUDIOMETRY THRE			No	No
92556 - SPEECH AUDIOMETRY THRE			No	No
92557 - COMPREHENSIVE AUDIOMET			No	No
92562 - LOUDNESS BALANCE TEST,			No	No
92563 - TONE DECAY TEST			No	No

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FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- From Inquiries Submenu (01) choose Beneficiary/CWF (10)

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HCPC CODES           14      ANSI REASON CODES      68
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ADJUSTMENT REASON CODES 16      DX/PROC CODES ICD-10   1B
REASON CODES         17      CMHC PAYMENT TOTALS    1C
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FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- From initial Eligibility Detail Inquiry screen
 - Enter MBI and hit enter
 - Press PF8 to scroll through various screens until reach Preventive Services screens
 - MAP175J and MAP175M



Eligibility Detail Inquiry Screen

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           5      6
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CURRENT          BENEFIT PERIOD DATA
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SNF FULL DAYS   SNF PART DAYS         INP DED REMAIN   BLD DED PNTS

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FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- All eligibility fields will report
 - Next eligible date when applicable
 - Start date of benefit if service not utilized by beneficiary to date
- If eligibility date not available, will show three or four position alpha code to indicate reason why
 - PTB – Beneficiary not entitled to Part B
 - RCVD – Beneficiary already received service
 - DOD – Beneficiary not eligible due to DOD
 - GDR – Beneficiary not eligible due to gender
 - AGE – Beneficiary not eligible due to age
 - SRV – Beneficiary not eligible for the service
 - VAC – Beneficiary already vaccinated
 - 0000 – Service not applicable

FISS DDE Preventive Services Screen MAP175J

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IPPE/G0366	SRV	SRV	AUDG/	070123	070123				
IPPE/G0367	SRV	0000	HIVP/	093024	093024				
IPPE/G0368	0000	SRV	HIVS/	093024	093024				
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IPPE FAQs

IPPE FAQ 1

- Is the IPPE the same as a patient's yearly physical?

No. The IPPE isn't a routine physical that some patients may get periodically from their physician or other qualified nonphysician practitioner (NPP)

The IPPE is an introduction to Medicare and covered benefits, and it focuses on health promotion, disease prevention and detection to help patients stay well. We encourage providers to inform patients about the AWW during their IPPE

The [Social Security Act](#) explicitly prohibits Medicare coverage of routine physical exams

IPPE FAQ 2

- Are clinical lab tests part of the IPPE?
No. The IPPE doesn't include clinical lab tests, but you may make appropriate referrals for these tests as part of the IPPE

IPPE FAQ 3

- Does the deductible, coinsurance, or copayment apply for the IPPE?

No. We waive the coinsurance, copayment, and Part B deductible for the IPPE (HCPCS code G0402)

Neither is waived for the screening electrocardiogram (ECG) (HCPCS codes G0403, G0404 or G0405)

IPPE FAQ 4

- If a patient enrolls in Medicare in 2024, can they get the IPPE in 2025 if it wasn't performed in 2024?

A patient who hasn't had an IPPE and whose Part B enrollment began in 2024 can get an IPPE in 2025 if it's within 12 months of the patient's Part B enrollment effective date

Make sure you verify beneficiary eligibility for an IPPE before performing

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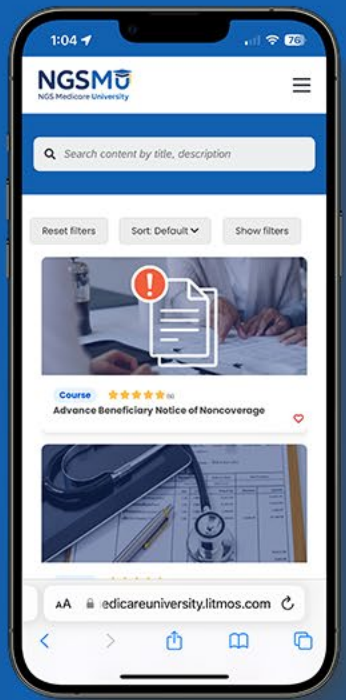
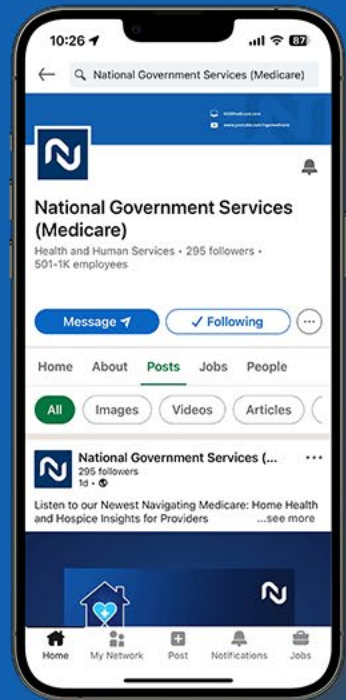
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 - 100-02, *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*, Chapter 15, Section 280, Preventive and Screening Services
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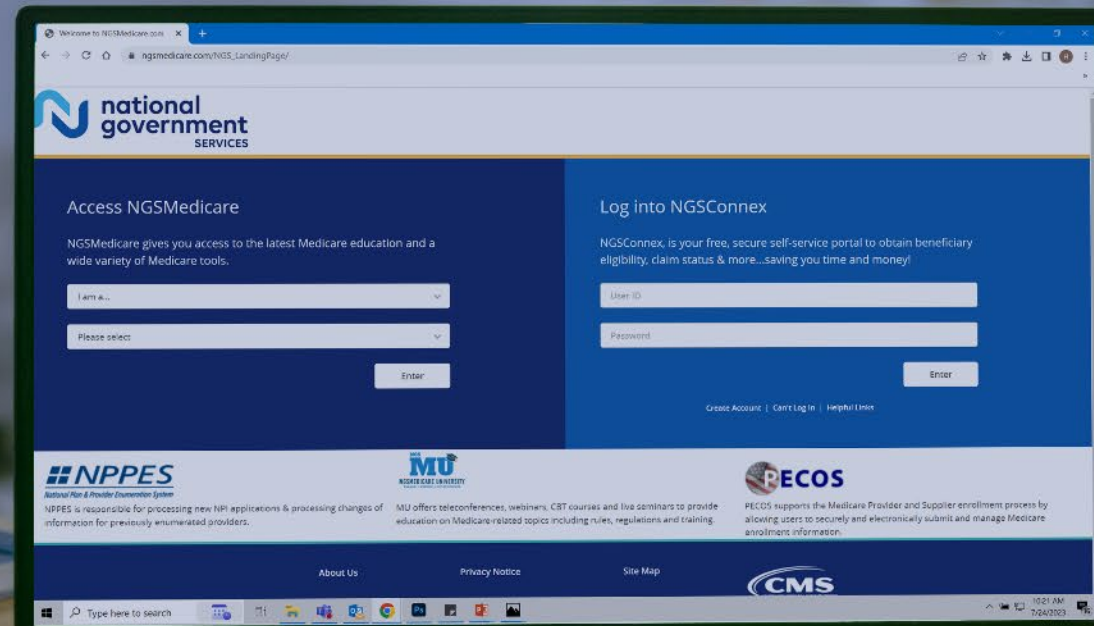


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