

Medicare Annual Wellness Visit Billing Guide

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a preventive visit covered by Medicare at no cost to patients. Medicare AWVs are a great way to connect with your patients, focus on issues that may be overlooked in routine physical exams and develop a long-term preventive care plan.

Medicare AWVs are an opportune time to complete additional services such as Advance Care Planning and vaccination administration. This guide provides a brief explanation of how to bill for services commonly completed in conjunction with an AWV.

Medicare preventive visits:

- Initial Preventive Physical Examination (Welcome to Medicare): G0402
- Medicare Annual Wellness Visit Initial: G0438
- Medicare Annual Wellness Visit Subsequent: G0439



Additional services commonly billed in combination with a Medicare preventive visit:

Evaluation and Management (E/M):



When additional services that are significant and separately identifiable from a Medicare preventive visit are performed, it is **ABSOLUTELY** appropriate to bill for an E/M visit in addition to a Medicare preventive visit.

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Patients are responsible for copay/coinsurance and/or deductibles related to E/M service

Billing Example

- Medicare Annual Wellness Visit subsequent: **G0439**
- Level 3 E/M: **99213 with modifier -25**

Advance Care Planning:



Advance Care Planning (ACP) is a face-to-face service between a qualified health-care professional and a patient to discuss advance directives with or without completing relevant legal forms.

Qualified Health Professionals include:

- MD or DO
- Physician Assistant
- APRN

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Medicare **WAIVES** copay/coinsurance and deductible when ACP is completed during an initial or subsequent Medicare AWV.

Billing Example

- Medicare AWV subsequent: **G0439**
- Advance care planning (initial 30 min): **99497 with modifier -33**
- Advance care planning (each additional 30 min): **99498 with modifier -33**

Electrocardiogram:



Routine ECG with 12 leads; performed **ONLY** as a screening with Medicare's Initial Preventive Physical Examination (Welcome to Medicare visit)

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Patients are responsible for copay/coinsurance and/or deductibles related to screening ECGs.

Billing Example

- With interpretation and report: **G0403**
- Tracing only: **G0404**
- Interpretation and report only: **G0405**

Vaccinations:



Medicare provides the following vaccinations at **NO** cost to the patient

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Hepatitis B

Billing Example

- Annual Wellness Visit Initial: **G0438**
- Administration of influenza vaccination: **G0008**
- Influenza virus vaccine: **90630 and diagnosis code Z23 (encounter for immunization)**

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- ▶ Connect with a NHN Clinical Coordinator at: nhn@nebraskahealthnetwork.com
 - An NHN Clinical Coordinator will grant you access to NHN Medicare AWV education and resources
- ▶ View the consumer guide to AWVs in the **Medicare & You** handbook on Medicare.gov