



Preventive Schedule Updates for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Medication

Subject

Effective Date

Update

9.17.2021

Effective 10.1.2023

Effective 1.1.2024

Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to provide you with information about mandated first dollar coverage requirements for certain related services for members taking HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Medication who are not infected with HIV.

Background/Overview

Members who follow the Highmark preventive schedules already have first dollar coverage for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medication. Effective 09/17/2021, the Departments of Labor, Health & Human Services and the Treasury have issued an FAQ mandating certain related services also have first dollar coverage when a member is taking the HIV PrEP medication, as long as HIV infection is not present and diagnosis codes are not reported on the claim. The additional related services updates are listed below.

Update

Effective 10.1.2023 new Diagnosis code Z2981 Encounter for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis will be added for use with the services below

Effective 1.1.2024 New Procedure Codes Added: Adherence Counseling G0011 and G0013

- **Hepatitis B and C Screening** – Already on the preventive schedule allowing up to 4 times per year for all those taking PrEP medication. NEW: Adding Diagnosis code Z1159 and B18.0 or B18.1 or B18.2 without Z21 or B20 with procedure code 87517 only for members with chronic hepatitis taking PrEP medication. Allow up to 2 time per year.
- **Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Counseling to Prevent STD Infection** – Already on preventive schedule with procedure code G0445. Allow up 4 times per year for members taking PrEP medication.
- **Certain Kidney Function Tests** – Diagnosis Z11.4 or Z20.6 without B20 or Z21 with procedure code 82565 82575 twice a year for each procedure code for those taking PrEP medication
- **Urine Pregnancy Test** – Diagnosis code Z11.4 or Z20.6 with procedure 81025 without B20 or Z21. Allow up to 4 times per year for members taking PrEP medication.
- **Adherence Counseling** – Diagnosis code Z717 encounter for HIV counseling without B20 or Z21 with procedure code G0011, G0013, 99401-99404. Allow up to 4 times a year for members taking PrEP medication. Do not bill if done during office visit below as it is included in that office visit.
- **Office Visit for Related Services** – Diagnosis code Z11.4 or Z20.6 without B20 or Z21 with procedure code 99202-99205, 99211-99215. Allow up to 4 times per year for members taking PrEP medication. Deny 99401-99404 in same office visit as the office visit includes adherence counseling.
- **HIV PrEP Medication for Adolescents** – Allow first dollar coverage for adolescents who are not infected with HIV and are at high risk of HIV infection. The treating physician determines if the adolescent patient is eligible.

- **Note:** If the members medical benefit plan includes Apretude injectable then use procedure code **G0012** - Injection of pre-exposure prophylaxis (prep) drug for HIV prevention, under skin or into muscle.
 - The USPSTF updated its recommendation August 22, 2023, to include the injectable drug with **effective date for NY per state law 2.1.2024** with no cost share, and **7.1.2024 for PA, WV, and DE for those with the preventive schedule** with no cost share. Until this time, benefit coverage will follow the individual's medical benefit for the injectable Apretude J0739.
- **Note to providers:** please check individual benefits for coverage and cost share application as this varies among employer group benefits.