

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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ATTN: MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROVIDERS

RP-020: BUNDLING ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT WITH A ROUTINE PHYSICAL

Highmark permits you to bill for an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) with a Routine Physical Exam on the same date of service (DOS). In addition, the Initial Preventive Physical Exam (IPPE) — known as the “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit — can be paired with a Routine Physical. Medicare pays for patient IPPE during the first 12 months after a patient becomes eligible for Medicare Part B benefits.

The AWV or IPPE, combined with a Routine Physical, enables you to deliver a comprehensive health assessment to members.

When an AWV or IPPE is performed on the same DOS with a Routine Physical, Highmark will reimburse the IPPE or AWV at 100% and the Routine Physical at 50% of the approved allowed amounts. While some elements of an AWV (or IPPE) and a Routine Physical overlap, other components are distinct, and you will be reimbursed accordingly for conducting both services together.

Note: You MUST append modifier **CG** to the Routine Physical Exam service.

Applicable IPPE and AWV codes include: G0402, G0438, G0439, G0468.

Applicable Routine Physical Exam codes: 99381, 99382, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99391, 99392, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397.

The updated Reimbursement Policy-020 will be published January 1, 2023, on the Provider Resource Center. It will be accessible by selecting **CLAIMS, PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT** from the left menu and then clicking **Reimbursement Policy**.



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