

BCBS

HCPCS codes may be billed for preventive visits

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To: Physicians, clinicians, and professional providers caring for our commercial and Medicare Advantage members

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For claims processed on and after August 1, 2018, we will include HCPCS codes G0402, G0438 and G0439 as preventive visits in our preventive/sick payment reduction rule. We will apply a 50 percent payment reduction to the lesser allowable value when one of these codes is billed on the same day, for the same member, by the same provider in conjunction with a sick visit code (99201-99215.) This applies when the visits are separately identifiable and appended with the appropriate modifier.

HCPCS code	Narrative
G0402	Initial preventive physical examination; face-to-face visit, services limited to new beneficiary during the first 12 months of Medicare enrollment
G0438	Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPS), initial visit
G0439	Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPS), subsequent visit

Resources

- [Evaluation and Management payment policy](#)

Questions?

If you have any questions, please call Network Management and Credentialing Services at **1-800-316-BLUE (2583)**. As always, thank you for the care you provide to our members.