

Understanding the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit and the Preventive Physical Exam

ConnectiCare Medicare members are eligible for one **Annual Wellness Visit** (AWV) and one annual **preventive physical exam** per calendar year.

An AWV allows you to review your patient's health status and create a personalized preventive care plan. It can also improve quality of care by addressing care coordination, costs and gaps. An annual preventive physical exam allows you to assess your patient, head to toe, with a comprehensive exam that can include lab testing, immunizations and preventive screening referrals.

Meet the required elements and bill using the codes and modifier outlined below and both of these exams can be done in the same visit.

		Annual Wellness Visit G0438 Initial visit: G0438 Subsequent visit: G0439	Preventive Physical Exam New patient: 99381-87 Established patient: 99391-97
Approved facilitators	Physician (MD/DO)	Yes	Yes
	Qualified non- physician practitioner (PA/APRN)	Yes	Yes
	A medical professional (e.g. health educator, registered dietitian, nutrition professional or other licensed practitioner) or a team of such medical professionals, working under the direct supervision of a physician	Yes	No
Required elements and inclusions	Medical, family and social history	Yes	Yes
	Review potential risk factors for depression and other mood disorders	Yes	Yes

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use a modifier code of 25 for the physical exam.**

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Required elements and inclusions (continued)	Health Risk Assessment (HRA)	Comprehensive physical exam. ROS; Head to toe physical assessment
	List of current providers and suppliers	Clinical laboratory tests
	Review of functional ability and level of safety	Immunizations
	Detection of any cognitive impairment	Preventive screening referrals
	Establish a written screening schedule (such as a checklist for the next 5-10 years as appropriate)	Counseling
	List risk factors and conditions where interventions are recommended or underway	An initial EEG may be performed during visit but patient will pay fees (deductible, coinsurance, cost share) based on plan type
	Provide personalized health advice and referrals for health education and preventive counseling services or programs	

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