

MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HEALTH PLANS/HEALTH CHOICES OPERATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

POLICY NUMBER: 84

POLICY TITLE: Preventive Medicine and Screening Policy, Professional

POLICY STATEMENT:

Preventive Medicine Services, CPT codes 99381-99387, 99391-99397 and HCPCS code G0402 are comprehensive in nature, reflect and age and gender appropriate history and examination, and include counseling, anticipatory guidance and risk factor reduction interventions, usually separate from disease related diagnosis. Screening services include cervical cancer screening; pelvic and breast examination; prostate cancer screening/digital rectal exam; and obtaining, preparing and conveyance of a Papanicolaou smear to the lab. These screening procedures are included in (and not separately reimbursed from) the Preventive Medicine Service rendered on the same day.

Occasionally, an abnormality is encountered or a pre-existing problem is addressed during the preventive visit and significant elements of related Evaluation and Management (E/M) services are provided during the same visit. When this occurs, MAHP/HC will reimburse the Preventive Medicine Service plus 50% of the E/M service code with that code is appended with a modifier 25. If the code is not submitted with modifier 25 appended, it will not be reimbursed.

When a Preventive Medicine Service and other E/M services are provided during the same visit, only the Preventive Medicine Service will be reimbursed.

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

Preventive Medicine Service and Problem Oriented E/M Service

A preventive medicine CPT or HCPCS code and a problem-oriented E/M CPT code may both be submitted for the same patient by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the same date of service. If the E/M code represents a significant, separately identifiable service and is submitted with modifier 25 appended, MAHP/HC will reimburse the preventive medicine code plus 50% of the problem-oriented E/M code. MAHP/HC will not reimburse a problem-oriented E/M code that does not represent a significant, separately identifiable service and that is not submitted with modifier 25 appended.

Preventive Medicine Service and Other E/M Service

A preventive medicine CPT or HCPCS code and other E/M CPT or HCPCS codes may both be submitted for the same patient by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the same date of service. However, MAHP/HC will only reimburse the preventive medicine CPT or HCPCS code.

Screening Services

The comprehensive nature of a preventive medicine code reflects an age and gender appropriate examination. When a screening code is billed with a preventive medicine code on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed.

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Counseling Services

Preventive Medicine Services include counseling. When counseling service codes are billed with a preventive medicine code on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed.

Medical Nutrition Therapy Services

According to CPT, for medical nutrition therapy assessment and/or intervention performed by a physician, report E/M or Preventive Medicine Service codes. When medical nutrition therapy codes are billed with a preventive medicine code on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed.

Visual Function and Visual Acuity Screening

The comprehensive nature of a preventive medicine code reflects an age and gender appropriate examination. When visual function screening or visual acuity screening is billed with a preventive medicine code on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional, only the preventive medicine code is reimbursed.

Codes

Type of service	Codes
Preventive Medicine Services Codes	99381 99384 99387 99393 99396 G0402 99382 99385 99391 99394 99397 99383 99386 99392 99395
Screening Services Codes	G0101 G0102 Q0091, 99459
Counseling Services Codes	0403T 99404 99409 G0396 G0446 G9886 S0265 99401 99406 99411 G0397 G0447 G9887 S9470 99402 99407 99412 G0443 G0473 H0005 T1006 99403 99408 G0296 G0445 G2011 S0257 T1027
Medical Nutrition Therapy Services Codes	97802 97803 97804 G0270 G0271
Visual Function and Visual Acuity Screening Codes	99172 0333T

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