



Coding for Some Preventive Medicine Service Encounters

Note: Scenarios were created for coding teaching purposes only.

Encounter

A nine-day old presents to the office after a normal delivery and normal transition in the hospital. Baby is established to the practice and is doing well and had gained some weight. A routine preventive medicine service is performed. What CPT and ICD-10-CM codes are reported?

ICD-10-CM	CPT
Z00.111 Health exam for NB 8-28 days	99391 Preventive medicine service <1yr

Encounter

A six-day old presents to the office after a normal delivery and normal transition in the hospital. Baby is established to the practice. Upon exam the physician noted some jaundice features. He spoke to the mom about feeding and urine output. He performs the routinely recommended service at 3-5 days post discharge and also completes an acute visit for the jaundice, including writing orders for a blood draw and subsequent home care for a biliblanket after the results revealed an elevated bili level. The diagnoses listed are routine baby exam and jaundice. What CPT and ICD-10-CM codes are reported?

ICD-10-CM	CPT
Z00.110 Health exam for NB < 8 days	99391 Preventive medicine service <1yr
P59.9 Neonatal jaundice, unspecified	9921X 25 E/M service based on key components

Teaching Point: The codes for routine newborn encounters do not designate between with and without abnormal findings. However, they are still reported based on the patient's age.

Encounter

A 2-month old new patient presents for her routine well baby exam. Mom had no complaints, however upon exam an innocent heart murmur was noticed. No heart problems are noted in the family history. The pediatrician informed the mom about it and told her that nothing needed to be done at this point, but would follow-up at the baby's next encounter. Vaccines are ordered (DTaP-Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)-inactivated poliovirus (IPV) (Pentacel), Hepatitis B, pneumococcal, and rotavirus) and the mom is counseled on them all. The diagnosis listed is well baby exam, vaccine encounter and innocent heart murmur. What CPT and ICD-10-CM codes are reported?

ICD-10-CM	CPT
Z00.121 Well child check with abnormal findings	99381 25 Preventive medicine service <1yr new patient
R01.0 Benign and innocent cardiac murmurs	
Z23 Encounter for vaccines	90698 DTaP-Hib-IPV (Pentacel) product
	90670 Pneumococcal product
	90680 Rotavirus vaccine product
	90744 Hepatitis B product
	90460 (x4) Immunization administration (IA)
	90461 (x4) IA each additional component

Teaching Point: Because the heart murmur finding did not lead to a significant and separately identifiable E/M service, only the preventive medicine service is reported. Also, Z23 is the only ICD-10-CM code for vaccines.

Encounter

A 4 year old presents for her yearly check-up and a preschool physical. As recommended by the periodicity schedule, a vision and hearing screen are ordered and performed. Both are within normal range. Patient receives an MMRV and IPV. Diagnosis is well child exam and preschool physical.

ICD-10-CM	CPT
Z00.129	99392 25 Preventive medicine service, 1-4 years
Link to the Z00.129	99173 visual acuity
Link to the Z00.129	92551 hearing screen
Z23 Encounter for vaccines	90710 MMRV product
	90713 IPV
	90460 (x2) Immunization administration (IA)
	90461 (x3) IA each additional component

Teaching point: Because the vision and hearing screen are part of the routine well child exam ICD-10-CM guidelines state “A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination, such as a pap smear done during a routine pelvic examination.” Therefore you only need the Z00.129 to link to the screening. Z01 codes are not appropriate in these circumstances because category Z01 codes are first listed codes and in this case the primary reason for the encounter is a routine well child exam (Z00.12-). If the payer requires a screening code, you could use Z13.5 (encounter for screening for eye and ear disorders), however that should not be required.

Encounter

An 18-year-old presents for their annual exam and vaccines before they leave for college. Patient has been healthy and claims to not be sexually active. Had an STI/HIV screen test last year so no need for repeat. A depression screen is performed, which is normal. Vaccines are given.

ICD-10-CM	CPT
Z00.00 Adult exam without abnormal findings	99395 25 Preventive medicine service (18-39 years)
Z00.00 or Z13.89	96127 Emotional assessment (depression)
Z23 Encounter for vaccines	List Product codes for vaccines given Code for administration 90471-90474

MODIFIER 33

While not specified in the scenarios above, modifier **33** may be appended to any CPT this should not be allocated to patient or family cost-sharing as part of the Affordable Care Act. While not all payers require this modifier, some do. You will report modifier **33** on any CPT code reported for a service (this is not inherently preventive already like the preventive medicine service code) that falls under Bright Futures recommendations; the United States Preventive Services Task Force A or B recommendations; and ACIP recommended vaccines. This modifier tells the payers that no cost-sharing should occur.

Table of commonly reported ICD-10-CM codes for Preventive Services

ICD-10-CM Code	Descriptor	Special Coding Conventions
Encounter and Examination Codes		
Z00.110	Newborn check under 8 days old	Outpatient codes only
Z00.111	Newborn check 8 to 28 days old	Outpatient codes only
Z00.121	Routine child health examination <i>with abnormal findings</i>	First listed ICD-10-CM code only. Includes routine screening when performed at same encounter.
Z00.129	<i>without abnormal findings</i>	
Z00.00	General adult medical examination <i>without abnormal findings</i>	First listed ICD-10-CM code only. Typically use for patients 18 years and older (payer policy).
Z00.01	<i>with abnormal findings</i>	
Z02.0	Examination for admission to educational institution	Do not report in addition to a Z00 code.
Z02.4	Examination for driving license	
Z02.5	Examination for participation in sport	
Z01.00	Examination of eyes and vision <i>without abnormal findings</i>	First listed ICD-10-CM code only. Do not report as a secondary code or in addition to a Z00 code.
Z01.01	Examination of eyes and vision <i>with abnormal findings</i>	
Z01.110	Hearing examination following failed hearing screening	First listed ICD-10-CM code only. Do not report as a secondary code or in addition to a Z00 code.
Z01.10	Encounter for examination of ears and hearing <i>without abnormal findings</i>	First listed ICD-10-CM code only. Do not report as a secondary code or in addition to a Z00 code.
Z01.118	Encounter for examination of ears and hearing <i>with other abnormal findings</i>	
Z23	Immunizations	This is the only code in ICD-10-CM for vaccines. Link to both the product and administration CPT codes.
Screening Codes		
Z11.1	Respiratory tuberculosis	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z11.3	Infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission (<i>excludes</i> HPV and HIV)	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z12.4	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix (<i>excludes</i> HPV)	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z12.79	Malignant neoplasm of other genitourinary organs	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z12.89	Malignant neoplasms of other sites	
Z13.29	Other suspected endocrine disorder	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z13.1	Diabetes mellitus	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.

Z13.228	Other metabolic disorders (eg, inborn errors of metabolism, galactosemia, PKU)	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z13.220	Lipid disorders	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z13.21 Z13.228 Z13.29	Nutritional disorder Other metabolic disorder Other suspected endocrine disorder	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z13.0	Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism (eg, anemia, sickle cell)	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z13.89	Other disorders (eg, depression)	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Z13.4	Developmental disorders in childhood (<i>excludes routine screening</i>) (eg, Autism)	Do not report in addition to a Z00.12- code, it is already included.
Z13.88	Disorder due to exposure to contaminants (eg, lead)	A screening code is not necessary if the screening is inherent to a routine examination. But can be reported.
Underimmunized Status and Vaccines Not Given		
Z28.3	Underimmunized status	A status code is informative, because the status may affect the course of treatment and its outcome. Report when this is the case.
Z28.01	<i>Vaccine Not Given: Acute illness</i>	
Z28.04	Allergy to vaccine or components	
Z28.82	Caregiver refusal	
Z28.02	Chronic illness or condition	
Z28.03	Immune compromised state	
Z28.21	Patient refusal	
Z28.81	Pt had disease being vaccinated for	
Z28.1	Religious reasons	
Z28.89	Other reason	
Z28.20	Unspecified Reason	