

# Addressing Quality Measures Through the Annual Wellness Visit



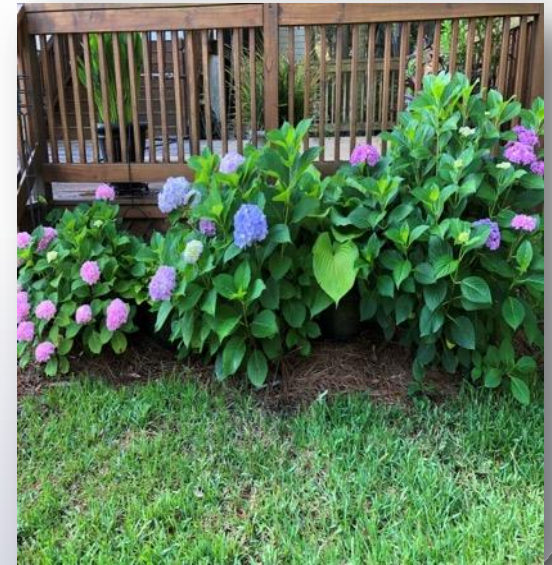
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# Introduction



# Objectives

- ▶ Understand the Quality Performance of the Merit Incentive Program (MIPS).
- ▶ Understand the components of the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV).
- ▶ Understand how quality measures contained as part of MIPS can be addressed during the Annual Wellness Visit.



# Agenda

- ▶ What Is & What Is Not the Annual Wellness Visit
  - Who are the Beneficiaries & Scheduling the Visit
  - What are the Costs?
- ▶ AWV Components & Workflows
  - Advance Care Planning
  - Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) & Advanced Care Planning (ACP) Workflow
- ▶ Subsequent AWVs
  - Annual Wellness Visit Workflow Recap
  - Q&A

# The Annual Wellness Visit:

## What it is...

- ✓ Personalized Prevention Plan
- ✓ Provider-Patient Communication
- ✓ Home Safety
- ✓ Health Risks
- ✓ Advance Care Planning

## What it is not...

- ✗ Physical Exam
- ✗ Opportunity
- ✗ Routine Labs
- ✗ Co-insurance/Co-deductible

# Who are the Beneficiaries & Scheduling the Visit

- ▶ Identify the population
- ▶ Medicare Part B covered
  - 12 months
  - G0438 initial
- ▶ No initial Preventive Physical Examination
  - 12 months



# Who are the Beneficiaries & Scheduling the Visit

- ▶ Subsequent AWWs post initial AWW
  - 12 months
  - G0439 subsequent years
- ▶ Post initial AWW
  - Schedule subsequent AWW
  - Query of last 6 months of billing codes

# What are the Costs?

- ▶ Provider accepts assignment of Medicare Part B
  - Patient pays nothing
    - Coinsurance
    - Part B deductible may apply
      - Additional tests
        - » Clinical laboratory tests
      - Additional services
        - » Referrals
      - During the visit
  - Required diagnosis code
    - Current procedural terminology (CPT) code w/ modifier -25



# AWV Components & Workflows

- ▶ Health Risk Assessments
  - Personalized prevention plan
  - Demographic data
  - Health status
  - Injury risks
  - Behavioral Risks
  - Urgent health needs
- ▶ Medical & Family History
- ▶ List of current providers & RX's
  - Durable medical equipment (DME)



# AWV Components & Workflows

- ▶ Height, weight, blood pressure, & other routine measurements
- ▶ Cognitive impairment detection
- ▶ Health advice
- ▶ Risk factors & treatment options
  - Functional ability & level of safety
- ▶ Depression screening
  - PHQ-2/9 or Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- ▶ Screening for Chronic Care Management

# AWV Components & Workflows

## ▶ Screening Schedule

Colon CA

Breast CA

Cervical CA

Influenza  
Immunization

Pneumococcal  
Vaccine

Medicare.gov-Medicare Preventive & Screening Services:  
<http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-screening-services>

# Advance Care Planning

- ▶ Advance Care Planning
  - Face-to-face discussion with or without completion of relevant legal forms
  - Beneficiary appoints agent/records wishes for medical treatment
- ▶ Patient eligibility
  - Optional element for AWW
- ▶ Advance Care Planning
  - Provider and location eligibility
  - Diagnosis



# Advance Care Planning

## ► Coding

**Table 1. CPT Codes and Descriptors**

<b>CPT Codes</b>	<b>Billing Code Descriptors</b>
99497	Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, face-to-face with the patient, family member(s), and/or surrogate
99498	Advance care planning including the explanation and discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

# Advance Care Planning



- ▶ Billing
  - Provided on the same day as a covered AWW
  - Furnished by the same provider as a covered AWW
  - Billed with modifier - 33 (Preventive Services)

# Subsequent AWWs

- ▶ Check weight and blood pressure
- ▶ Update the previous completed health risk assessment
- ▶ Update medical and family history
- ▶ Update the list of current medical providers and suppliers



# Subsequent AWWs

- ▶ Update the written screening schedule
- ▶ Cognitive issues screening
- ▶ Provide health advice
- ▶ Provide referrals to health education and/or preventive counseling services





# Annual Wellness Visit Workflow Document Review



# Annual Wellness Visit Workflow — Recap

- ▶ Are you doing the following:

Patient Prep



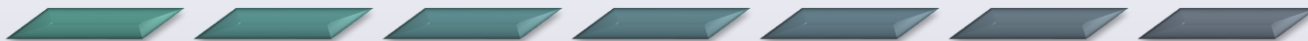
Patient Checklist



Patient Education



Billing & Code Properly



# Resources

- ▶ [Annual Wellness Visit](#)
- ▶ [CMS Advance Care Planning Guide](#)
- ▶ [Medicare Preventive Services Tool](#)
- ▶ [Medicare Preventive Services National Educational Products](#)
- ▶ [Medicare Preventive Services](#)
- ▶ [Preventive Visit & Yearly Wellness Exams](#)
- ▶ [The ABCs of the Annual Wellness Visit](#)

# Questions?



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