

Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

The Affordable Care Act provides for an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS) for Medicare beneficiaries as of January 1, 2011.

Two new HCPCS codes:

G0438 - Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS), first visit and

G0439 - Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPPS), subsequent visit.

were implemented January 1, 2011, through the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) and Integrated Outpatient Code Editor (IOCE).

In response to questions received from providers, Highmark Medicare Services (HMS) has verified that the new Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) procedure codes were implemented correctly by HMS on January 1, 2011. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has also issued Change Request 7079 (scheduled implementation 4/04/2011) to provide additional guidance regarding the proper use and billing for these services. Please refer to [MLN Matters article MM7079](#) for additional information concerning the upcoming requirements for Annual Wellness Visits.

<http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7079.pdf>

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