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Annual Care Visit (ACV)

DOCUMENTATION AND CODING

The Annual Care Visit (ACV) is an overarching term that encompasses Annual Wellness Visits (AWV), annual physical exams and 'Welcome to Medicare' visits, sometimes referred to as Initial Preventive Physical Exams (IPPE). The annual care visit is a yearly appointment with a Primary Care Provider (PCP) to create or update the patient's care plan and is intended to include a listing of all conditions for which treatment is underway or planned.

Include in medical record

ACVs are a great opportunity to assess and address new, chronic or suspect conditions. During the visit, providers can schedule needed screenings, tests and/or exams to help ensure better health outcomes for patients. Complete a health risk assessment including demographic data and activities of daily living (ADLs).

- Update medical and family history.
- Update all current providers and suppliers that provide medical care to patient.
- Update any detection of cognitive impairment via direct observation, use a brief cognitive assessment tool if appropriate.
- Review any potential risk factors for depression using appropriate screening tool.
- Provide a personalized plan for the patient that includes referrals to health education or preventive services or programs.
- A social determinant of health (SDOH) risk assessment can be provided at no cost to the patient if done during AWV.
- Document whenever a screening is not indicated, contraindicated, patient refuses or is non-compliant.
- Submit claims with all active ICD-10-CM codes¹ and CPT® codes².

Coding information

Utilize the following guidance to support your accurate and complete documentation of conditions within the medical record.

- Ensure hierarchical condition category (HCC) documentation compliance by documenting **MEAT**:
 - **Monitor** signs, symptoms, disease progression, disease regression (new, chronic or suspected).
 - **Evaluate** results of tests, medication effectiveness and response to treatment.
 - **Assess** by discussion with new patients, ordering tests, reviewing records and counseling.
 - **Treat** with medications, therapies or other interventions.

Coding annual care visits:

Billing code	Visit type	Visit frequency
G0402	Welcome to Medicare (IPPE)	Once-per-lifetime visit within first 12 months of Medicare Part B coverage.
G0438, G0439, G0468	Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)	Once per calendar year after twelve months of Medicare Part B enrollment.
99381–99387, 99391–99397	Annual Physical Exam (APE)	Once per calendar year in addition to IPPE and AWV visit.

Tips for success

Educate patients about the importance of an annual care visit.

- Schedule ACV for the following year during the annual care visit.
- Call or email patients who have not received an ACV.

Additional Resources

Please visit [Wellmark's Medicare Advantage page](#) for additional information, tip sheets and resources.

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