

## Preventative Services Reminder Zero Copay for Blue Cross Medicare Advantage

Are your patients up to date on preventative services benefits? Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) would like to remind you that there are no copays for preventative services for Blue Cross Medicare Advantage (PPO)<sup>SM</sup> and Blue Cross Medicare Advantage (HMO)<sup>SM</sup>. Blue Cross Medicare Advantage covers a full range of preventative services to help keep patients healthy, help find problems early and determine when treatment is most effective. Physicians should let members know which of these services is right for them. For a detailed list of the services with zero copay you may access: [Are you Up-To Date on Your Preventive Services](#). In addition, you should check eligibility and benefits electronically through Availity<sup>®</sup>, or your preferred Web vendor.

### Annual Health Assessment Coding\*

Code**	Service	Description
<b>G0402</b>	<b>Initial Preventive Physical Examination</b>	Code is limited to new beneficiary during the first 12 months of Medicare Enrollment.
<b>G0438</b>	<b>Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Initial</b>	The initial AWV, G0438, is performed on patients that have been enrolled with Medicare for more than one year, including new or established patients.
<b>G0439</b>	<b>Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Subsequent</b>	The subsequent AWV occurs one year after the patient initial visit.

*\*Codes for Annual Health Assessments are subject to change by Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO), without prior notice to Medical Group, for codes to be consistent with Medicare coding requirements for Annual Health Assessments.*

*\*\*Any updates, deletions and/or additions to coding shall be updated according to nationally recognized coding guidelines.*

Checking eligibility and/or benefit information and/or the fact that a service has been preauthorized is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member's eligibility and the terms of the member's certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered. If you have any questions, please call the number on the back of the member's ID card.

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