

Quality Payment Program

Small, Underserved and Rural

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit and MIPS Quality Measures

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS), is an excellent way to perform needed services and capture Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Quality measure data at the same time. Annual wellness visits encourage patients to take an active role in accurately assessing and managing their health, resulting in improved well-being and quality of life. Wellness care services and revenues strengthen infrastructure for providing comprehensive and coordinated care. AWVs allow clinicians to be proactive in identifying patient health risks, while fulfilling the requirements of MIPS Quality measures.

The AWV with PPPS is covered for patients starting 12 months after the effective date of their first Medicare Part B coverage period as long as a patient has not received either the Initial Preventive Physical Examination or an AWV in the last 12 months. Deductibles and copays are waived for the AWV; additional services at that visit are subject to related deductibles and copays. Services should be provided by a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or certified physician assistant. They may also be done under the direct supervision of a physician by licensed practitioners (or teams of practitioners, such as dietitians and health educators).

The initial AWV with PPPS should collect the following information:

- Accurate demographic data
- Personal and family medical history
- List of current medications, providers and suppliers involved in the person's medical care
- Blood pressure, height, weight, body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference as appropriate based on medical/family history, and other routine measurements as deemed appropriate
- Assessment and detection of cognitive impairment
- Review of risk for depression and behavioral health issues using standardized screening tests
- Review of functional ability and level of safety based on direct observation and screening questionnaires
- Written screening schedule such as a checklist for the next five to 10 years based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations, immunization guidelines, health status, history and age-appropriate preventive services covered by Medicare (for example, breast cancer screening)
- Personalized health advice and referral as needed to health education or preventive counseling services, which may include:
 - Programs to reduce risk factors and improve self-management
 - Community-based lifestyle interventions to promote self-management and wellness, such as weight loss, physical activity, smoking cessation and diet
- Advance care planning (ACP) - Note: If ACP is performed at the AWV, the ACP copay and deductible are waived.

Next, a health professional should complete a subsequent AWV with PPPS to update the initial screening data as needed, including:

- Demographic data
- Medical and family history
- List of current medications, providers and suppliers involved in the person's care
- Weight measurement (or waist circumference), blood pressure and other routine measurements as deemed appropriate based on history
- Cognitive impairment
- Written screening schedule
- Risk factors (risk assessments)
- Personalized health advice
- ACP

Several MIPS measures can be documented based on the data captured during the AWW with PPS. The team should review all measure specification documents for those MIPS measures to obtain related codes required for data capture. The following table highlights some of the common codes. It is not comprehensive.

AWV Activity	Quality Measure (QM) Information – Improvement Activity Info (MIPS Measures)	Notes	QM Coding, Performance Met
Initial Medicare AWW	Inclusion in denominator of many measures	No notes	G0438
Subsequent AWW	Inclusion in denominator of many measures	No notes	G0439
Lists of Current Medications	Quality ID 130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record	At AWW and all denominator-eligible visits	G8427
Measurements and Vital Signs	Quality ID 128: Preventive Care and Screening: BMI Screening and Follow-Up Plan Quality ID 317: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for High Blood Pressure and Follow-Up Documented Quality ID 236: Controlling High Blood Pressure Obtain height, weight, BMI, blood pressure	No notes	G8420 – BMI normal, no follow-up G8417 – BMI above normal with follow-up G8418 – BMI below normal with follow up G8752 – Most recent systolic blood pressure < 140 mm Hg 3075F – Most recent systolic blood pressure 130-139 mm Hg 3077F – Most recent systolic blood pressure > 140 mm Hg 3078F – Most recent diastolic blood pressure < 80 mm Hg 3079F – Most recent diastolic blood pressure 80-89 mm Hg 3080F – Most recent diastolic blood pressure > 90 mm Hg
Assess for Cognitive Impairment	Quality ID 281: Dementia: Cognitive Assessment (eCQMs only) Quality ID 282: Dementia: Functional Status Assessment (MIPS CQMs & Part B Claims)	Diagnosis of dementia required. Both measures require use of standard assessment tool.	eCQM measure only G9916 – Performance met G9917 – Performance not met – medical reason G9918 – Not performed, reason NOS
Depression, Behavioral Health Screenings	Quality ID 134: Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-Up Plan (MIPS CQMs only)	PHQ-9 recommended, others listed.	G8431 – Positive with follow-up plan G8510 – Negative, no plan needed
Depression, Behavioral Health Screenings	Quality ID 371: Depression Utilization of the PHQ-9 Tool	No notes	eCQM measure only
Tobacco Screening	Quality ID 226: Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	No notes	G9902 – If user G9903 – Non-user G9906 – Screened and received cessation counseling/medications G9907 – Screened; no intervention for medical reason per documentation 1036F – Non-user
Alcohol Screening	Quality ID 431: Preventive Care and Screening: Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening and Brief Counseling	Use screening tool such as AUDIT or AUDIT-C, or single screening question	G9621 -- Unhealthy user, with counseling G9622 -- Not unhealthy user MIPS CQM measure only
Advance Care Plan	Quality ID 047: Advanced Care Plan (ACP)	If not discussed due to patient beliefs, use 1124F.	1123F – ACP discussed and documented 1124F – ACP discussed, documented; not able, or refused care plan

AWV Activity	Quality Measure (QM) Information – Improvement Activity Info (MIPS Measures)	Notes	QM Coding, Performance Met
Functional Assessments and Safety	Quality ID 155: Falls: Plan of Care Two-part measure; submit with #154 If two or more falls in past year, or one fall with injury	Plan to include balance, strength and gait training.	0518F – Plan documented 0518F with 1P modifier – Not documented, medical reason
Functional Assessments and Safety	Quality ID 154: Fall Risk Assessment - Identifies falls within past year.	No notes	Submit both 3288F and 1100F ; if not completed, 3288F-8P and 1100F ; document reason; if no falls, code 1101F
Functional Assessments and Safety	Quality ID 318: Screening for Future Fall Risk	No falls within past year	1101F – eCQM and CMS Web Interface measures only
Establish Screening Schedule	Quality ID 113: Colorectal Cancer Screening	Ages 50-75	3017F – Colorectal cancer screening results documented and reviewed
Establish Screening Schedule	Quality ID 112: Breast Cancer Screening	Women ages 50-74	G9899 – Mammography results documented and reviewed
Establish Screening Schedule	Quality ID 309: Cervical Cancer Screening	Women ages 2-64	eCQM reporting only – Ensure documentation of cervical cancer screening
Establish Screening Schedule	Quality ID 110: Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization	Administered or previously received; Ordered or administered	G8482 – Influenza immunization administered or previously received G8483 – Not administered for medical reasons
Establish Screening Schedule	Quality ID 111: Pneumonia Vaccination Status for Older Adults	Age 65 or older, if ever received or administered	4040F – Pneumococcal vaccine administered or previously received