

Preventive Services RHC Payment Policy

Updated & Clarified by CMS

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Earlier this year, NARHC strenuously objected to a CMS determination that certain preventive services provided in an RHC were not billable if provided as “stand-alone” services. After engaging our friends in Congress on this, CMS recognized the error in this determination and reversed their policy in mid-August.

This led to a further review of other preventive services and the ability of RHCs to bill for these services as stand-alone visits. Recently, CMS released an updated chart outlining the coverage policy for preventive services provided in an RHC. An abbreviated version of the chart CMS produced is below. It is also available for download on the [CMS website](#). Additional information on payment and claims processing for RHC preventive services (and all other services) is also available in the various Medicare manuals which are accessible on the [Rural Health Clinics Center](#) page of the CMS website.

The only services not covered when provided in the RHC setting are the Diabetes self-management (DSMT) and the Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) services. The inability to cover DMST and MNT services in the RHC setting is due to a quirk in the law. NARHC will work with Congress to try to correct this policy so that these services can also be covered when provided in the RHC setting.

NARHC would like to thank CMS for preparing this document & clarifying the coverage policy for preventive services. We hope that this clarification & explicit identification of preventive services as covered services in the RHC setting will eliminate the considerable confusion that has existed in the RHC community for many months.

More importantly, it will ensure that Medicare beneficiaries receiving care in an RHC have access to most of the same services available to Medicare beneficiaries receiving care under traditional Medicare Part B.

Service	HCPCS Code	Paid at the AIR	Eligible for Same Day Billing	Coinsurance/ Deductible
Initial preventive	G0402	Yes	Yes	Waived
Diabetes Self- Management Training (DSMT)	G0108	No	No	Not Waived
Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)	97802	No	No	Waived
Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)	97803	No	No	Waived
Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)	G0270	No	No	Waived
Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)	G0438	Yes	No	Waived
Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)	G0439	Yes	No	Waived
Screening Pelvic Exam	G0101	Yes	No	Waived
Prostate Cancer Screening	G0102	Yes	No	Not Waived
Glaucoma Screening	G0117	Yes	No	Not Waived
Glaucoma Screening	G0118	Yes	No	Not Waived
Screening Pap Test	Q0091	Yes	No	Waived
Alcohol Screening and Behavioral Counseling	G0442	Yes	No	Waived
Alcohol Screening and Behavioral Counseling	G0443	Yes	No	Waived
Screening for Depression	G0444	Yes	No	Waived
Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling	G0445	Yes	No	Waived
Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Cardiovascular Disease	G0446	Yes	No	Waived
Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Obesity	G0447	Yes	No	Waived
Smoking and Tobacco Cessation Counseling	G0436	Yes	No	Waived
Smoking and Tobacco Cessation Counseling	G0437	Yes	No	Waived