

Specific Payment Codes for Grandfathered Tribal FQHCs

In accordance with Section 1834(o)(1)(A) and 1834(o)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act, we established specific payment codes that FQHCs must use when submitting a claim for FQHC services for payment under the FQHC Prospective Payment System (PPS). Detailed HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) coding with the associated line item charges listing the visit that qualifies the service for an encounter-based payment and all other FQHC services furnished during the encounter are also required.

FQHC Visits

A FQHC visit is a medically-necessary medical or mental health visit, or a qualified preventive health visit. The visit must be a face-to-face (one-on-one) encounter between a FQHC patient and a FQHC practitioner during which time one or more FQHC services are furnished. A FQHC practitioner is a physician, nurse practitioner (NP), physician assistant (PA), certified nurse midwife (CNM), clinical psychologist (CP), clinical social worker (CSW), or a certified diabetes self-management training/medical nutrition therapy (DSMT/MNT) provider.

A FQHC visit can also be a visit between a home-bound patient and a RN or LPN under certain conditions. Outpatient DSMT/MNT, and transitional care management (TCM) services also may qualify as a FQHC visit when furnished by qualified practitioners and the FQHC meets the relevant program requirements for provision of these services. If these services are furnished on the same day as an otherwise billable visit, only one visit is payable.

The PPS is designed to reflect the cost for all the services associated with a comprehensive primary care visit, even if not all the services occur on the same day. Stand-alone billable visits are typically evaluation and management (E/M) type of services or screenings for certain preventive services. The professional component of a procedure is usually a covered service, but is not a stand-alone billable visit, even when furnished by a FQHC practitioner.

To qualify for Medicare payment, all the coverage requirements for a FQHC visit must be met. A FQHC visit must be furnished in accordance with the applicable regulations at 42 CFR Part 405 Subpart X, including 42 CFR 405.2463 that describes what constitutes a visit.

Effective January 1, 2016, chronic care management services is paid based on the PFS national average non-facility payment rate when CPT code 99490 is billed alone or with other payable services on a FQHC claim. When reporting this service as a stand-alone billable visit a FQHC payment code is not required.

Specific Payment Codes

Following are the specific payment codes and the appropriate descriptions of services that correspond to these payment codes. Grandfathered tribal FQHCs must use these codes when submitting claims to Medicare under the FQHC PPS:

G0466 – FQHC visit, new patient

A medically-necessary, face-to-face (one-on-one) encounter between a new patient and a qualified FQHC practitioner during which time one or more FQHC services are rendered and includes a typical bundle of services that would be furnished per diem to a Medicare beneficiary receiving medical services. A new patient is one who has not received any professional medical or mental health services from any practitioner within the FQHC organization or from any sites within the FQHC organization within the past three years prior to the date of service. To qualify as a FQHC visit, the encounter must include one of the services listed under “Qualifying Visits.” If a new patient is also receiving a mental health visit on the same day, the patient is considered “new” for only one of these visits.

G0467 – FQHC visit, established patient

A medically-necessary, face-to-face (one-on-one) encounter between an established patient and a qualified FQHC practitioner during which time one or more FQHC services are rendered and includes a typical bundle of services that would be furnished per diem to a Medicare beneficiary receiving medical services. An established patient is one who has received any professional medical or mental health services from any practitioner within the FQHC organization or from any sites within the FQHC organization within three years prior to the date of service. To qualify as a FQHC visit, the encounter must include one of the services listed under “Qualifying Visits.”

G0468 – FQHC visit, IPPE or AWW

A FQHC visit that includes an Initial Preventive Physical Exam (IPPE) or Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) and includes the typical bundle of services that would be furnished per diem to a Medicare beneficiary receiving an IPPE or AWW, including all services that would otherwise be billed as a FQHC visit under G0466 or G0467.

G0469 – FQHC visit, mental health, new patient

A medically-necessary, face-to-face (one-on-one) mental health encounter between a new patient and a qualified FQHC practitioner during which time one or more FQHC services are rendered and includes a typical bundle of services that would be furnished per diem to a Medicare beneficiary receiving a mental health visit.

A new patient is one who has not received any professional medical or mental health services from any practitioner within the FQHC organization or from any sites within the FQHC organization within the past three years prior to the date of service.

To qualify as a FQHC mental health visit, the encounter must include a qualified mental health service, such as a psychiatric diagnostic evaluation or psychotherapy. If a new patient is receiving both a medical and mental health visit on the same day, the patient is considered “new” for only one of these visits.

G0470 – FQHC visit, mental health, established patient

A medically-necessary, face-to-face (one-on-one) mental health encounter between an established patient and a qualified FQHC practitioner during which time one or more FQHC services are rendered and includes a typical bundle of services that would be furnished per diem to a Medicare beneficiary receiving a mental health visit. An established patient is one who has received any professional medical or mental health services from any practitioner within the FQHC organization or from any sites within the FQHC organization within three years prior to the date of service. To qualify as a FQHC mental health visit, the encounter must include a qualified mental health service, such as a psychiatric diagnostic evaluation or psychotherapy.

Qualifying Visits

The qualifying visits that correspond to the specific payment codes are as follows:

G0466 - FQHC visit, new patient

HCPCS	Qualifying Visits for G0466
92002	Eye exam new patient
92004	Eye exam new patient
97802	Medical nutrition indiv in
99201	Office/outpatient visit new
99202	Office/outpatient visit new
99203	Office/outpatient visit new
99204	Office/outpatient visit new
99205	Office/outpatient visit new
99324	Domicil/r-home visit new pat
99325	Domicil/r-home visit new pat
99326	Domicil/r-home visit new pat
99327	Domicil/r-home visit new pat
99328	Domicil/r-home visit new pat
99341	Home visit new patient
99342	Home visit new patient
99343	Home visit new patient
99344	Home visit new patient
99345	Home visit new patient
99497	Advncd care plan 30 min
G0101	Ca screen; pelvic/breast exam
G0102	Prostate ca screening; dre
G0108	Diab manage trn per indiv
G0117	Glaucoma scrn hgh risk direc
G0118	Glaucoma scrn hgh risk direc
G0296	Visit to determ LDCT elig
G0436	Tobacco-use counsel 3-10 min
G0437	Tobacco-use counsel >10
G0442	Annual alcohol screen 15 min
G0443	Brief alcohol misuse counsel
G0444	Depression screen annual

HCPCS Qualifying Visits for G0466
G0445 High inten beh couns std 30 min
G0446 Intens behave ther cardio dx
G0447 Behavior counsel obesity 15 min
Q0091 Obtaining screen pap smear

G0467 – FQHC visit, established patient:

HCPCS Qualifying Visits for G0467
92012 Eye exam establish patient
92014 Eye exam & tx estab pt 1/>vst
97802 Medical nutrition indiv in
97803 Med nutrition indiv subseq
99212 Office/outpatient visit est
99213 Office/outpatient visit est
99214 Office/outpatient visit est
99215 Office/outpatient visit est
99304 Nursing facility care init
99305 Nursing facility care init
99306 Nursing facility care init
99307 Nursing fac care subseq
99308 Nursing fac care subseq
99309 Nursing fac care subseq
99310 Nursing fac care subseq
99315 Nursing fac discharge day
99316 Nursing fac discharge day
99318 Annual nursing fac assessmnt
99334 Domicil/r-home visit est pat
99335 Domicil/r-home visit est pat
99336 Domicil/r-home visit est pat
99337 Domicil/r-home visit est pat
99347 Home visit est patient
99348 Home visit est patient
99349 Home visit est patient
99350 Home visit est patient
99495 Trans care mgmt 14 day disch
99496 Trans care mgmt 7 day disch
99497 Advncd care plan 30 min
G0101 Ca screen; pelvic/breast exam
G0102 Prostate ca screening; dre
G0108 Diab manage trn per indiv
G0117 Glaucoma scrn hgh risk direc
G0118 Glaucoma scrn hgh risk direc
G0270 Mnt subs tx for change dx
G0296 Visit to determ LDCT elig
G0436 Tobacco-use counsel 3-10 min
G0437 Tobacco-use counsel >10

HCPCS	Qualifying Visits for G0467
G0442	Annual alcohol screen 15 min
G0443	Brief alcohol misuse counsel
G0444	Depression screen annual
G0445	High inten beh couns std 30 min
G0446	Intens behave ther cardio dx
G0447	Behavior counsel obesity 15 min
Q0091	Obtaining screen pap smear

G0468 – FQHC visit, IPPE or AWW:

HCPCS	Qualifying Visits for G0468
G0402	Initial preventive exam
G0438	Ppps, initial visit
G0439	Ppps, subseq visit

G0469 – FQHC visit, mental health, new patient:

HCPCS	Qualifying Visits for G0469
90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation
90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvcs
90832	Psytx pt &/family 30 minutes
90834	Psytx pt &/family 45 minutes
90837	Psytx pt &/family 60 minutes
90839	Psytx crisis initial 60 min
90845	Psychoanalysis

G0470 – FQHC visit, mental health, established patient:

HCPCS	Qualifying Visits for G0470
90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation
90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvcs
90832	Psytx pt &/family 30 minutes
90834	Psytx pt &/family 45 minutes
90837	Psytx pt &/family 60 minutes
90839	Psytx crisis initial 60 min
90845	Psychoanalysis