

Affordable Care Act Medicare Preventive Services Disclaimer

The Information contained in this Medicare Learning Network[®] (MLN) educational product is current for dates of service (DOS) on and before December 31, 2010, except as noted in the MLN Matters[®] Articles below. For DOS on and after January 1, 2011, the Affordable Care Act made important changes to Medicare-covered preventive services, including the removal of deductibles and co-pays for many services, as well as the addition of the new Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) benefit.

In addition to these legislative changes, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has also released instructions to update seasonal influenza vaccine codes. We have also added coverage for two new preventive benefits: Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use and Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection.

CMS is in the process of updating all of our preventive services products. In the meantime, for updated information regarding the Affordable Care Act provisions, the new influenza codes, and the two new benefits described above, please view the following MLN Matters[®] Articles, which are all available on the CMS website.

MM7079 Annual Wellness Visit (AWV), Including Personalized Prevention Plan Services (PPPS)

<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7079.pdf>

MM7012 Waiver of Coinsurance and Deductible for Preventive Services, Section 4104 of the Affordable Care Act, Removal of Barriers to Preventive Services in Medicare

<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7012.pdf>

MM7234 New HCPCS Q-codes for 2010-2011 Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7234.pdf>

MM6786 Screening for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection

<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6786.pdf>

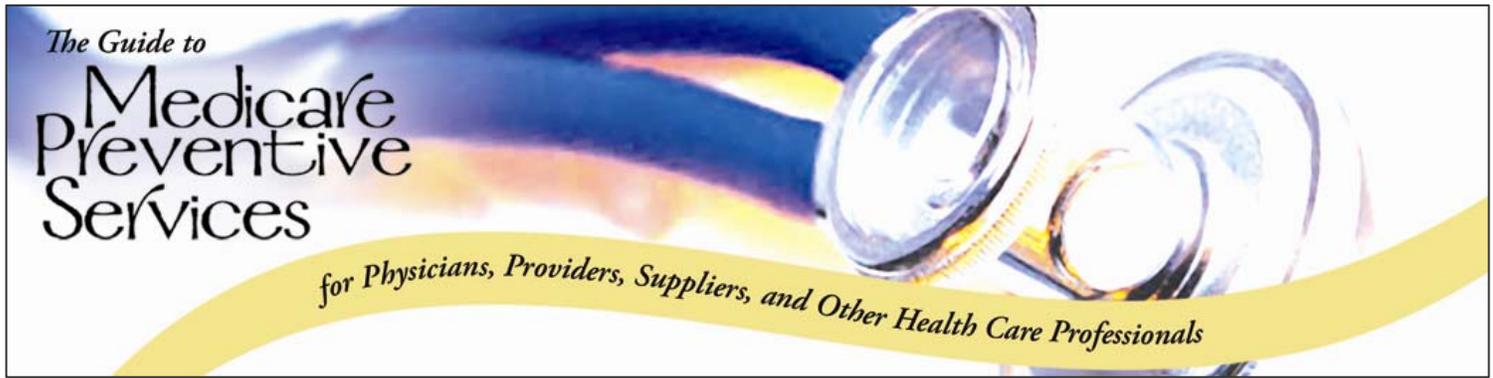
MM7133 Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use

<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7133.pdf>

MM7120 Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances – Annual Update for 2010-2011 Season

<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7120.pdf>

For a complete list of preventive services-related MLN Matters[®] Articles, please visit <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/MLNPrevArticles.pdf> on the Internet.



ERRATA SHEET

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Please note that since the implementation of this publication, the following corrections or changes have been identified:

Page Number	Section Title and/or Number	Description of Change
68	Diabetes Screening Tests, Supplies, Self-Management Training, Medical Nutrition Therapy, and Other Services Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) Services Billing Requirements	Add the following “NOTE” below the bullet at the top of the page: Effective March 30, 2009, there is an exception for rural areas. In a rural area, an individual who is qualified as a registered dietitian and is a certified diabetic educator who is currently certified by an organization approved by CMS may furnish training and is deemed to meet the multidisciplinary team requirement.
153	Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B Vaccinations Influenza (Flu) Virus Vaccine	Add the following “NOTE” to the top of the section: The information in this chapter relates to seasonal influenza only. For information related to Medicare coverage and policy related to H1N1 influenza, also called “swine flu”, please visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1 on the CMS website.
153-154	Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B Vaccinations Influenza (Flu) Virus Vaccine Risk Factors for Influenza	Add the following to the end of the first paragraph: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has revised their recommendations on who should get a seasonal influenza vaccine. You can find their most recent recommendations on the CDC webpage entitled “Key Facts About Seasonal Flu Vaccine”, available at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm on the Internet.

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153-154	Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B Vaccinations Influenza (Flu) Virus Vaccine Risk Factors for Influenza	<p>Change the second paragraph and the bulleted guidelines under Risk Factors for Influenza as follows:</p> <p>The CDC recommends that the following people get a seasonal flu vaccination each year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals aged 50 or older; • Children aged 6 months up to their 19th birthday; • Pregnant women; • Individuals of any age who have certain chronic medical conditions; • People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; and • People who live with or care for those at high risk of complications from the flu, including health care workers, household contact of persons at high risk of complications from the flu, or household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age. <p>Change the paragraph and bulleted guidelines under Who Should Not Get the Influenza Vaccine as follows:</p> <p>According to the CDC, the following groups should not be vaccinated without consulting a physician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with a severe allergy to chicken eggs; • Individuals who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past; • Individuals who previously had onset of Guillain-Barré syndrome during the six weeks after receiving the influenza vaccine; • Children less than six months of age; and • People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait until their symptoms lessen.

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164-165	Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B Vaccinations Pneumococcal Vaccine Risk Factors for Pneumococcal Infection	<p>Add the following to the end of the first paragraph:</p> <p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has revised their recommendations on who should get a Pneumococcal vaccine. You can find their most recent recommendations on the CDC webpage entitled “Pneumococcal Disease In-Short”, available at http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/pneumo/in-short-both.htm#who on the Internet.</p> <p>Change the paragraph and the guidelines under Risk Factors for Pneumococcal Infection as follows:</p> <p>The CDC identifies the following high priority target groups for the pneumococcal vaccination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals aged 65 or older; • Anyone 2 through 64 years of age who has long term health problems such as: heart or lung disease, sickle cell disease, diabetes, alcoholism, cirrhosis, leaks of cerebrospinal fluid or cochlear implant; • Anyone 2 through 64 years of age who is taking a drug treatment that lowers the body’s resistance to infection, such as: long-term steroids, certain cancer drugs, or radiation therapy; and • Any adult 19 through 64 years of age who is a smoker or has asthma.