

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)

Billing and Claims Cheat Sheet*

This cheat sheet provides the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) G-codes and Calendar Year (CY) 2026 payment rates for each MDPP session. After each table, there are tips for submitting MDPP-related claims to your Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs).

Table 1: Core Sessions

MDPP HCPCS G-Code	CMS Claim Description	Payment
G9886 ⁺	Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, in-person, group, 60 minutes	\$27
G9887 ⁺	Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, distance learning, group, 60 minutes	\$27
G9871 ⁺	Behavioral counseling for diabetes prevention, online, group, 60 minutes	\$18

Submit claims to your MAC in the order in which services were provided. The initial claim submission for a beneficiary registers them as participating in MDPP.

⁺Medicare pays up to 22 sessions billed with codes G9886 and G9887, combined, in a 12-month period: Months 1-6: 1 in-person or distance learning session every week (max 16 sessions), Months 7-12: 1 in-person or distance learning session every month (max 6 sessions) or up to 22 sessions billed with code G9871 in a 12-month period: Months 1-6: 1 online session every week (max 16 sessions), Months 7-12: 1 online session every month (max 6 sessions).

Table 2: Additional Codes

MDPP HCPCS G-Code	CMS Claim Description	Payment
G9880	5 percent weight loss (WL) achieved from baseline weight	\$153
G9881	9 percent WL achieved from baseline weight	\$27
G9888	Maintenance 5 percent WL from baseline in months 7-12	\$8

Tips for Successfully submitting claims to your MAC(s)

- Be sure to include the demo code, 82, on all claims
- To prevent claim rejections for duplicate services, suppliers need to append Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Modifier 76 (“Repeat procedure by same physician”) to any claim for G9886, G9887, or G9871 to identify a same-day make-up session.
- Make sure your coach roster is up-to-date to avoid claims being denied or rejected. Coaches are the “rendering provider” on MDPP claims.
- Submit the 5% weight loss claim prior to the 9% weight loss claim.
- 5% weight loss and 9% weight loss claims can be submitted once and at any time during MDPP performance period.

* This cheat sheet applies to MDPP suppliers furnishing services to beneficiaries with FFS Medicare, also known as Original Medicare. MDPP suppliers can use the [MDPP Medicare Advantage Fact Sheet](#) or contact the beneficiary’s Medicare Advantage plan for information on Medicare Advantage payment & billing.

