

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



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### HCPCS Code Update for Preventive Services

#### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and providers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

#### Provider Action Needed

Change Request (CR) 9888, announces that, effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2017, CPT code 76706 replaces HCPCS code G0389. MACs will apply all editing that was applied to HCPCS code G0389 to CPT code 76706, including the waiver of deductible and coinsurance. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

#### Background

Section 5112 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 allows for only one ultrasound screening test for an abdominal aortic aneurysm by Medicare. CPT code 76706 replaces HCPCS code G0389 as of January 1, 2017, for billing this service. CR9888 also updates the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual," Chapter 9, to show the current CPT codes for smoking cessation. The revised Chapter 9 is attached to CR9888.

#### Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9888, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3669CP.pdf>.

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