

Annual Wellness Visit Provider Tip Sheet

Supporting Better Care and Outcomes

Importance of Annual Wellness Visits

An Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) provides an opportunity to:

- Assess your patient's overall health
- Complete or coordinate preventive screenings
- Assess and manage chronic conditions
- Discuss health concerns and goals

Key Facts About AWVs

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (Louisiana Blue) analysis reveals a strong correlation between AWV completion and higher compliance across multiple health quality measures.
- Louisiana Blue covers AWVs at \$0, which removes financial barriers for your patients.
- AWVs can occur any time during the calendar year with the patient's primary care provider (PCP).
- Blue Advantage PCPs are eligible for a \$60 incentive per AWV completed.
- Blue Advantage patients are eligible for a Healthy Rewards incentive for completing an AWV and other preventive care activities.
- A standard office visit can be billed on a claim along with the AWV using modifier 25.
- AWVs provide an opportunity to assess and bill diagnosis codes relevant to your patient.

Tips to Boost Your AWV Rate

- Contact patients at the beginning of the year and two months prior to their birthdays to schedule an appointment. Birthdays and the start of a new year are good anchors for health priorities.
- Schedule an AWV when scheduling preventive care screenings.
- Ensure your practice has a consistent process for appointment reminders to reduce no-show rates.
- Report all services provided during the AWV using the appropriate G billing codes.
- Use CPT® Category II codes to maximize data collection and report values or results needed to satisfy measures. Visit [ama-assn.org](https://www.ama-assn.org) for a complete list of CPT codes.

Billing Quick Reference for AWWs

Below is a list of frequently used codes. This is not an all-inclusive list.

Common G Codes for AWWs	
G0438	Initial Annual Wellness Visit (first AWW)
G0439	Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit (annual follow-up)
G0402	Initial Preventive Physical Exam (Welcome to Medicare)
G0468	Federally Qualified Health Center AWW or IPPE