

## Preventive Medicine and Screening Policy for Louisiana

### **IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. This reimbursement policy is intended to ensure that you are reimbursed based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement. This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on CMS 1500 forms and, when specified, to those billed on UB04 forms. Coding methodology, industry-standard reimbursement logic, regulatory requirements, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing reimbursement policy. This information is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's reimbursement policy for the services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Accordingly, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying this policy to health care services provided in a particular case. Further, the policy does not address all issues related to reimbursement for health care services provided to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan enrollees.

**Other factors affecting reimbursement supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors include, but are not limited to: federal &/or state regulatory requirements, the physician or other provider contracts, the enrollee's benefit coverage documents, and/or other reimbursement, medical or drug policies.**

Finally, this policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems used by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan due to programming or other constraints; however, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan strives to minimize these variations.

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### Application

**This reimbursement policy applies to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid Product.**

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products and all network and non-network physicians and other qualified health care professionals, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract physicians and other qualified health care professionals.

### Policy

#### Overview

Preventive Medicine Services [Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes 99381-99387, 99391-99397, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code G0402] include annual physical and well child examinations, usually separate from disease-related diagnoses. Occasionally, an abnormality is encountered or a pre-existing problem is addressed during the Preventive visit, and significant elements of related Evaluation and Management (E/M) services are provided during the same visit. When this occurs, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will reimburse the Preventive Medicine service plus the following problem-oriented E/M service codes when that code is appended with modifier 25. If the problem-oriented service is minor, or if the code is not submitted with modifier 25 appended, it will not be reimbursed.

When a Preventive Medicine service and other E/M services are provided during the same visit, only the Preventive Medicine service will be reimbursed.

Screening services include cervical cancer screening; pelvic and breast examination; prostate cancer screening; digital rectal examination; and obtaining, preparing and conveyance of a Papanicolaou smear to the laboratory. These screening procedures are included in (and are not separately reimbursed from) the Preventive Medicine service rendered on the same day for members age 22 years and over.

Prolonged services are included in (and not separately reimbursed from) Preventive Medicine codes.

Counseling services are included in (and not separately reimbursed from) Preventive Medicine codes.

Medical Nutrition Therapy services are included in (and not separately reimbursed from) Preventive Medicine codes.

(99172) Visual function screening is included in the Preventive Medicine Services and not separately reimbursable.

For a list of specific codes that are included in (and not separately reimbursed from) Preventive Medicine Services see the [Codes Section](#).

For the purposes of this policy, Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional is defined as a physician and/or other health care professional of the same group and Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional reporting the same Federal Tax Identification number.

### Reimbursement Guidelines

#### Preventive Medicine Service and Problem Oriented E/M Service

A [Preventive Medicine CPT or HCPCS code](#) and a [Problem-Oriented E/M CPT code](#) may both be submitted for the same patient by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional on the same date of service. If the E/M code represents a significant, separately identifiable service and is submitted with modifier 25 appended, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will reimburse the Preventive Medicine code plus the problem-oriented E/M code. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse a problem-oriented E/M code that does not represent a significant, separately identifiable service and that is not submitted with modifier 25 appended.

#### Preventive Medicine Service and Other E/M Service

A [Preventive Medicine CPT or HCPCS code](#) and [Other E/M CPT or HCPCS code](#) may both be submitted for the same patient by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional on the same date of service. However, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will only reimburse the Preventive Medicine CPT or HCPCS code.

#### Screening Services

The comprehensive nature of a [Preventive Medicine code](#) reflects an age and gender appropriate examination. When a [Screening code](#) is billed with a [Preventive Medicine code](#) on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed for member's age 22 years and over. For members under the age of 22, both the Preventive Medicine code and the screening code will be paid.

#### Prolonged Services

Prolonged services codes represent add-on services that are reimbursed when reported in addition to an appropriate primary service. Preventive Medicine Services are not designated as appropriate primary codes for the prolonged services codes. When [Prolonged service add-on codes](#) are billed with a [Preventive Medicine code](#) on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.

#### Counseling Services

Preventive Medicine Services include counseling. [When Counseling Service codes](#) are billed with a [Preventive Medicine code](#) on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.

#### Medical Nutrition Therapy Services

According to CPT, for medical nutrition therapy assessment and/or intervention performed by a physician, report evaluation and management or preventive medicine service codes. When [Medical Nutrition Therapy codes](#) are billed with a [Preventive Medicine code](#) on the same date of service by Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.

### Visual Function and Visual Acuity Screening

The comprehensive nature of a [Preventive Medicine code](#) reflects an age and gender appropriate examination. When [Visual Function screening](#) is billed with a [Preventive Medicine code](#) on the same date of service by the Same Specialty Physician or Other Health Care Professional, only the Preventive Medicine code is reimbursed.

### Definitions

<b>Preventive Medicine Services</b>	Includes annual physical and well-child examinations, usually in the absence of a disease-related diagnosis.
<b>Same Specialty Physician or other Health Care Professional</b>	Physicians and/or other health care professionals of the same group and same specialty reporting the same Federal Tax Identification number.

### Questions and Answers

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Q:</b> Why does UnitedHealthcare Community Plan deny screenings only for members age 22 and over?</p> <p><b>A:</b> UnitedHealthcare Community Plan allows screening codes to be reimbursed in conjunction with Preventive Medicine Services for members under 22 years of age because of Early Prevention, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Q:</b> In what situation is CPT code 96110 reimbursable?</p> <p><b>A:</b> As defined, CPT code 96110 represents developmental screening, with interpretation and report. In the introduction to the section in which this code appears, the CPT book states that "it is expected that the administration of these tests will generate material that will be formulated into a report." Because a physician obtains developmental information as an intrinsic part of a Preventive Medicine service for an infant or child and because this information is sometimes obtained in the form of a questionnaire completed by the parents, it is expected that this code will be reported in addition to the preventive medicine visit only if the screening meets the code description. Physicians should report the specific CPT code, for developmental screening or other similar screening or testing, separate and distinct from the Preventive Medicine service only when the testing or screening results in an interpretation and report by the physician being entered into the medical record.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Q:</b> Why is Q0091 not separately reimbursable when billed with a Preventive Medicine code?</p> <p><b>A:</b> UnitedHealthcare Community Plan considers Q0091 (obtaining, preparing and conveying a cervical or vaginal smear to the laboratory) to be an integral part of a Preventive Health Care service. Therefore, this component of a Preventive visit is not separately reimbursable.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Q:</b> Why is 99172 (visual function screening) not separately reimbursable when billed with a Preventive Medicine code?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Medicaid payers are required to follow the CMS CCI edits, see the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan CCI Edits Policy, and as of 1/1/2013 CMS added bundling edits between visual screening code and Preventive Medicine codes.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Q:</b> How does UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimburse for screening tests based on a questionnaire completed by the patient or a family member when done in conjunction with a Preventive Medicine service?</p> <p><b>A:</b> Counseling, anticipatory guidance and risk factor reduction interventions are integral to a Preventive Medicine visit. Historical information may be obtained either through direct questioning or through completion of a written questionnaire. The responses on a questionnaire often identify areas for more focused interventions or treatments. Since this screening is part of a Preventive Medicine service, it is not reimbursed separately. Occasionally, a screening instrument requires interpretation, scoring, and the development of a report separate from the Preventive Medicine encounter. In those situations, where a CPT code exists for that service, screening, interpretation and development of a report is reimbursed separately from a Preventive Medicine service.</p>

**Codes**

**CPT Code Section**

**Preventive Medicine Service Codes**

99381	99382	99383	99384	99385	99386	99387
99391	99392	99393	99394	99395	99396	99397

**HCPCS Code Section**

G0402
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**Modifier Section**

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**Codes Included in Preventive Medicine Services**

**Problem Oriented E/M Service Codes**

99202	99203	99204	99205	99212
99213	99214	99215	G0463	

**Other E/M Service Codes**

99211	99241	99242	99243	99244
99245	99251	99252	99253	99254
99255	99281	99282	99283	99284
99285	G0245	G0246	S0285	

**Screening Services Codes**

G0101	G0102	Q0091	G0442	G0444
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**Prolonged Services Codes**

99354	99355	99415	99416	99417
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**Counseling Services Codes**

0403T	99401	99403	99404	99406
99407	99408	99409	99411	99412
G0296	G0396	G0397	G0443	G0445
G0446	G0447	G0473	G2011	G9986H0005
G9887	H0005	S0257	S0265	S9470
T1006	T1027			

**Medical Nutrition Therapy Services Codes**

97802	97803	97804	G0270	G0271
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**Visual Function**

99172
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## Resources

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

American Medical Association, *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Professional Edition* and associated publications and services

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, HCPCS Release and Code Sets

## History

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