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Coding For Preventive Care Webinar Now Available

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) recognizes the importance of preventive care for our subscribers. The preventive care you provide helps people stay healthy, avoids the onset of disease, and reduces healthcare costs.

Earlier this summer, Blue Cross put together a brochure with tips on appropriate coding for preventive care. As a companion to this, we have now posted a webinar on the same topic. In the webinar, Dr. Andrea Hillerud, the Blue Cross Medical Director for Quality and Health Outcomes, reviews the components of a preventive visit and discusses the importance of appropriate coding for preventive care. She also provides tips on coding for these services, including the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit, and points you to additional resources. You can find both the preventive care coding tips brochure and the webinar on our website at providers.bluecrossmn.com under tools and resources.

Most Blue Cross plans cover preventive services such as well child checks, adult preventive visits, immunizations and certain screening tests with no out-of-pocket costs to the subscriber. Subscribers in those plans will not incur a cost for many preventive services if they use an in-network provider, and if the provider does not bill an additional problem-based office visit code.

We hope you find the preventive care coding tips brochure and webinar helpful. Thank you for all you do to help improve the health of our subscribers.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.