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Preventive Care Coding Tips Brochure and Webinar

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. Our goal is to work with providers to ensure our subscribers are receiving preventive care.

Because there is often confusion about appropriate coding for preventive care, Blue Cross developed a brochure with tips to assist providers with billing for these services. As a companion to the brochure, we have also posted a webinar on the same topic. In the webinar, Blue Cross Medical Director Dr. Andrea Hillerud reviews the components of a preventive visit and discusses the importance of appropriate and accurate 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. The preventive coding tips brochure and webinar were originally published a year ago but both have now been updated to incorporate ICD-10 requirements.

Most Blue Cross plans cover preventive services such as well child checks, adult preventive visits, annual wellness 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**.