

Provider Update

Reimbursement policy reminder: Health Check periodic and interperiodic visits on the same date of service

Summary: Amerigroup Community Care applies limitations to the interperiodic visits rendered on the same date of service as the Health Check periodic visit.

What this means to you: Amerigroup only allows CPT 99211 or 99212 to be reimbursed on the same date of service as the Health Check periodic visit in support of an abnormal health check. Interperiodic CPT codes 99201-99205, 99213-99215, 99173, V5008, 92551, 92552, 92553, 92555 and 92556 will deny as incidental to the Health Check periodic visit when billed on the same date of service.

Why is this update necessary?

Amerigroup encourages medically necessary interperiodic screenings for vision, hearing and dental services performed between periodic visits. This policy update is to ensure our members receive appropriate interperiodic care and evaluation and management (E&M) services that are not rendered on the same date of service as the Health Check periodic visit.

What is the impact of this update?

The following Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment component services are included but not limited to the reimbursement of the preventive medicine Health Check periodic visit:

- Comprehensive health and developmental history
- Comprehensive unclothed physical examination, including measurements
- Health education
- Anticipatory guidance
- Nutritional assessment
- Hearing screening with or without the use of an audiometer or other electronic device
- Dental/oral health assessment
- Vision screening
- Lead risk assessment at the appropriate age
- Tuberculosis risk assessment at the appropriate age

The following component services are separately reimbursable from the preventive medicine Health Check periodic visit:

- Developmental screening using a standardized screening tool
- Immunization and administration
- Laboratory tests:
 - Newborn metabolic screening test
 - Tuberculosis test
 - Hematocrit and hemoglobin tests



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- Lead toxicity screening
- Cholesterol test
- Pap smear for sexually active members
- Sexually transmitted disease screening for sexually active members
- Urinalysis

If an abnormality is encountered or a pre-existing problem is addressed during the Health Check periodic visit, and if the problem/abnormality is significant enough to require additional functions to perform the key components of a problem-oriented E&M service, then the appropriate interperiodic office/outpatient code 99211 or 99212 should also be reported.

In accordance with our Preventive Medicine and Sick Visits on Same Day policy, Amerigroup only allows CPT 99211 or 99212 to be reimbursed on the same date of service as the Health Check periodic visit (**Table 1**). Only office visit code 99211 or 99212 with modifiers EP, 25 and the appropriate diagnosis codes can be billed in combination with the Health Check periodic visit.

The following interperiodic procedure codes listed in **Table 2** will deny as incidental to the Health Check periodic visit (99381-99385, 99391-99395) **if billed on the same date of service as the Health Check periodic visit**.

Table 1: Health Check periodic visit CPT codes

CPT code	Description
99381-99385	New patient preventive visit
99391-99395	Established patient preventive visit

Table 2: Interperiodic procedure codes that will deny as incidental to the Health Check periodic visit

CPT code	Description
99201-99205	New patient E&M service
99213-99215	Established patient E&M service
99173	Interperiodic vision
V5008	Interperiodic hearing
92551	Hearing, screening test, pure tone, air only
92552	Hearing, pure tone audiometry (threshold), air only
92553	Hearing, air and bone
92555	Speech audiometry threshold
92556	Speech audiometry with speech recognition

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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