



UMA/UPQC

Tip of the Week

“Financial Benefits from Combining Wellness Visits with Office Visits”

Background

Medicare now pays 100% for an Annual Wellness Visit 12 months after enrollment in Medicare (Go438/Go439) or 12 months after the Welcome to Medicare Visit (Go402)

Many Medicare patients need to see their provider on a quarterly basis for their medication refills

How Do I Do This?

Ask your Medicare patient if they have had their “Annual Wellness Visit” when they come in for their refills

(Remember that no physical exam is required for the AWV, and the questions can be asked by your support staff)

Convert their brief office call into a longer visit to accommodate the time needed to perform both services today.

How Do I Get Better Reimbursement?

- Bill using Go438 (new) or Go439 (established) as “Annual Wellness Visit” **\$166.44/110.96**

AND

- Bill Evaluation and Management Code (e.g., 99214 or 99213) with Modifier -25 **\$79.41/51.38**

Bonus

If you have even more time available to you, you may ALSO address, code and be reimbursed for:

Go101: Screening breast and pelvic exam (every 2 years)	\$37.44
Go102: Prostate cancer screening (DRE) (every year)	\$19.40
Go444: Depression Screening (every year)	\$17.36
Go442: Alcohol Screening (every year)	\$17.33