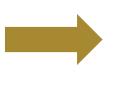
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#### Blue Advantage (HMO) | Blue Advantage (PPO)

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana HMO offers Blue Advantage (HMO). Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, offers Blue Advantage (PPO). Blue Advantage from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana HMO is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Blue Advantage from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in either Blue Advantage plan depends on contract renewal.

#### Who are we?



Blue Advantage (HMO) | Blue Advantage (PPO)

Blue Advantage provides HMO and PPO networks to our Blue Advantage members.

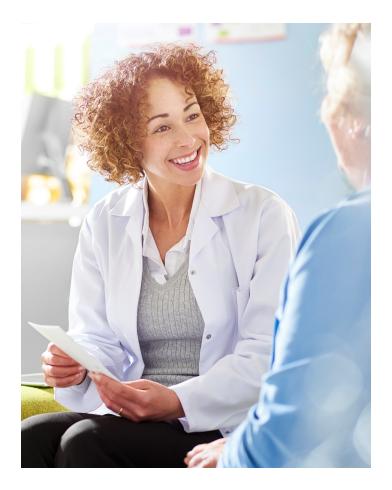


Partners with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of LA to provide Customer Service, Utilization Management, Claims expertise & Quality improvement support to our Blue Advantage HMO and PPO members.



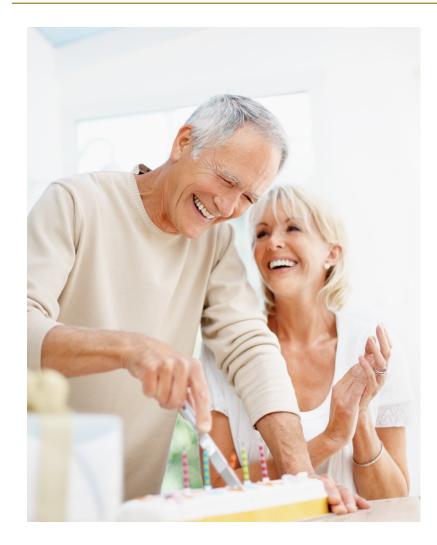
Offers support for Population Health visits as well as additional quality programs such as the Blue Advantage Coupon program and HEDIS/Star ratings improvement for Blue Advantage members.

## Importance of Complete and Accurate Clinical Documentation and ICD-10 Coding



- Physicians that treat sicker populations have higher average cost and utilization per patient. Risk-adjusted reporting can accurately reflect these sicker patients.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sets Risk Scores for a calendar year based on diagnoses from the previous calendar year.
- All existing diagnoses must be submitted every calendar year for risk scores to be accurate.
- Member attribution is done by wellness exams.

#### **Importance of Annual Wellness Visits**



- Provides the ability to effectively assess your patients' chronic conditions, as well as close care and coding gaps for Blue Advantage patients.
- Covered at 100%, once every 12 months, for Blue Advantage patients.
- Quality
  - Assess and capture outstanding Star Rating Care Gaps for valuebased contract performance and better patient outcomes.
- <u>Risk Adjustment</u>
  - Greater appointment time allotment for comprehensive assessment and care planning for chronic conditions.

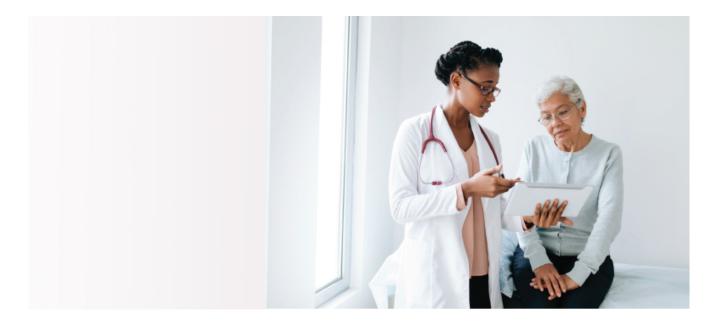
### **Coding for Annual Wellness Visits**

G0438: Initial Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

G0439: Subsequent AWV

**ICD-10:** Z00.00 or Z00.01 medical examination with or without abnormal findings

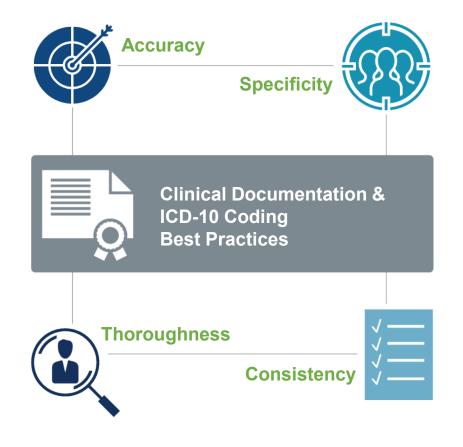
The Annual Wellness Examination costs nothing for the patient.



## **Complete and Accurate Clinical Documentation and ICD-10 Coding**

#### **Best Practices in Medical Record Documentation**

- Documentation needs to be sufficient to support and substantiate coding for claims or encounter data.
- Chronic conditions need to be reported every calendar year including key condition statuses (e.g., leg amputation and/or transplant status must be reported each year).
- Include condition specificity where required to explain severity of illness, stage or progression (e.g., staging of chronic kidney disease).
- Treatment and reason for level of care needs to be clearly documented; chronic conditions that potentially affect the treatment choices considered should be documented.



## Blue Advantage Annual Wellness Coupon Program

- Blue Advantage members will receive a paper coupon in the mail as part of our Annual Wellness Coupon Program.
- The coupons are for the patient's annual wellness exam, which should be provided by a primary care provider.
- The current coupon program is limited to only Blue Advantage members.



#### **Goals of the Annual Wellness Coupon Program**

- To help facilitate wellness visits by the patient's primary care provider.
- Document commonly overlooked conditions/diagnoses that may be applicable to the patient.
- Identify conditions based on claims history.
- Ensure all diagnoses are submitted yearly.
- Complete preventative services.

## **Annual Wellness Coupon**

- Coupons are customized per patient and are based off claims and other health information.
- Category (1) diagnoses are previously submitted chronic diagnoses. If they still exist, bill them on the wellness claim.
- Category (2) diagnoses are suspected diagnoses. Only bill codes that do apply to the patient.
- Category (3) diagnoses are commonly overlooked diagnoses.
- Generic Wellness coupon If no claims or medical history exist for a patient, they will not have Category (1) or (2) codes on their coupon. Just code all diagnoses that the patient is known to have.



# What Should Providers do When They Receive the Coupon?

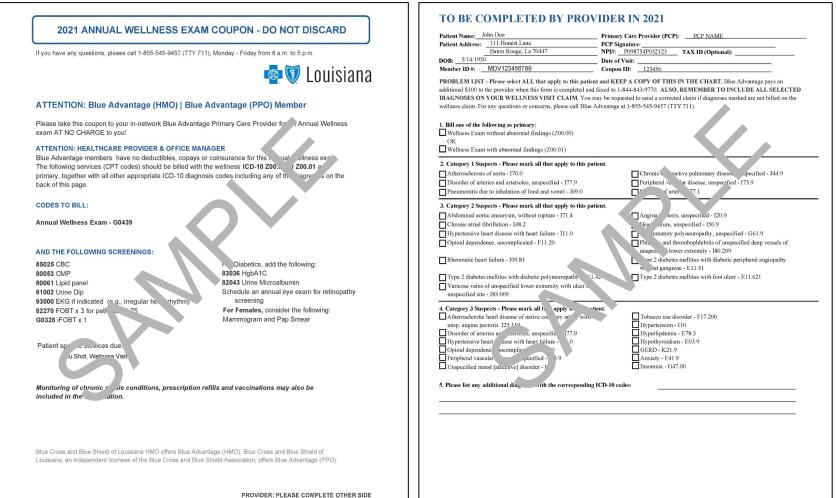
- Review and complete the back of the coupon at the visit, marking appropriate diagnoses and adding notes as applicable. As with a standard claim, the diagnoses and clinical values should also be documented on the claim and in the provider's medical record.
- To attest to the accuracy of the notes and diagnoses, add the provider's NPI, date of visit and provider's signature, then fax the completed coupon to **1-844-843-9770.**

Providers will be compensated \$100 per coupon for the additional administrative work associated with documentation and billing.



Providers may be asked to submit a corrected claim if diagnoses marked on the coupon are not billed on the claim.

#### **Annual Wellness Coupon**



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# What if the patient loses their coupon or needs an extra copy?

- Coupons are personalized and unique to each patient.
- Only the customized coupons that are received by patients will be processed (not photocopied coupons).
- Duplicated coupons will not be accepted.
- Copies may be requested by calling **1-844-753-1450**.



#### **Questions?**

#### Contact us:

#### **General Blue Advantage Questions**

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