Local Coverage Article:
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Ultrasound Screening (A54811)

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Article Title
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Article Guidance

Article Text:

Once in a lifetime abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening is only covered under certain specified conditions.

When billing for AAA screenings, the following ICD-10 codes should be billed:
* Z13.6 for the cardiovascular screening and either
* The most appropriate code for tobacco usage: Z87.891, F17.20-F17.219 OR
*Z84.89 for family history of other specified condition

Note: G0389 is the only ultrasound service that is payable for AAA screening under Medicare services. No other CPT/HCPCS codes are covered.

Payment may be made for a one-time ultrasound screening for AAA for beneficiaries who meet the following criteria:
(i) receives a referral for such an ultrasound screening from the beneficiary’s attending physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist;
(ii) receives such ultrasound screening from a provider or supplier who is authorized to provide covered ultrasound diagnostic services;
(iii) has not been previously furnished such an ultrasound screening under the Medicare Program; and
(vi) is included in at least one of the following risk categories

(I) has a family history of abdominal aortic aneurysm;
(II) is a man age 65 to 75 who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes in his lifetime; or
(III) is a beneficiary who manifests other risk factors in a beneficiary category recommended for screening by the United States Preventive Services Task Force regarding AAA, as specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the national coverage determination process.

Effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2007, the following code, modifiers, and type of service (TOS) are used for AAA screening services:

G0389: Ultrasound, B-scan and or real time with image documentation; for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening
Short Descriptor: Ultrasound exam AAA screen
Modifiers: TC, 26
TOS: 4
Bill Types: 12x, 13x, 22x, 23x, 71x, 73x, 85x

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.
Bill Type Code | Bill Type Description
---|---
012x | Hospital Inpatient (Medicare Part B only)
013x | Hospital Outpatient
022x | Skilled Nursing - Inpatient (Medicare Part B only)
023x | Skilled Nursing - Outpatient
071x | Clinic - Rural Health
073x | Clinic - Freestanding
085x | Critical Access Hospital

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the article, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph:
G0389

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ICD-10 Codes that are Covered

Group 1 Paragraph:
F17.200
F17.201
F17.203
F17.208
F17.209
F17.210
F17.211
F17.213
F17.218
F17.219
Z13.6
Z84.89
Z87.891

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