

PROVIDER BULLETIN

**ANNUAL WELL WOMAN EXAM
POLICY & BILLING REQUIREMENTS
~CHANGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014~**

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) strongly recommends screening for cervical cancer for women who are at least 21 years of age and have a cervix. Preferred IPA of California pays claims for annual well woman preventive health care exams which include a cervical cancer screening with a pap smear, a breast cancer screening with a mammogram or mammogram referral and chlamydia screening. Effective January 1, 2014 payment will be made only for members aged 21 to 65 if all criteria are met.

Providers eligible for reimbursement include:

- ⇒ Non-OB/GYN Primary Care Physicians (PCP) will be reimbursed for services provided to their assigned members.
- ⇒ OB/GYN PCP's will be reimbursed for services provided to members not assigned to the OB/GYN PCP
- ⇒ Contracted OB/GYN specialists will be reimbursed for services provided to Preferred IPA members

Requirements for Reimbursement

Case Rate reimbursement is made for a complete well woman exam with the following components when medically appropriate: a cervical cancer screening, Pap smear, breast cancer screening, mammogram (or mammogram referral) and Chlamydia screening. The case rate reimbursement for annual well woman exams is:

New patient - \$68.40 Established patient - \$37.50

1. To ensure appropriate reimbursement, claims should be billed with one code from each category A, B, and D in the following table.

Category	Codes
A. Well Woman CPT Codes	New Patient: 99384, 99385, 99386 or 99387 Established Patient: 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397
B. Well woman screening exam/ pap smear ICD9 codes	V76.2 V72.31 V72.32 V76.47
C. Mammogram ICD9 codes	V76.10 V76.11 V76.12 V76.19
D. Chlamydia screening ICD9 codes	V73.88 V73.98

- Claims which do not have a code from category C will be payable at the case rate if the member has been referred for a mammogram (women within appropriate age range only).
- Charges for lab component of the pap smear are billable by the IPA's contracted laboratory only.
- Claims missing a code from A, B or C (with no outside mammogram referral are not payable).

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Relations at (818) 265-0800.