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PURPOSE: Per Aetna Better Health of Illinois Policy, which is based AMA/CPT manual and CMS guidelines, only one Evaluation and Management (E/M) code is allowed for a single date of service for the same provider group and specialty, regardless of place of service.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE/OVERVIEW:

We consider a preventive service E&M the primary service when billed with an office E&M. We do not allow additional payment for the office E&M. The service is mutually exclusive to the preventive service E&M. A problem-focused office E&M service billed with Modifier 25 is eligible for payment when billed with a preventive medicine E&M service.

DEFINITIONS:

Coding Guidelines from CPT Manual	If an abnormality is encountered or a preexisting problem is addressed in the process of performing this preventive medicine evaluation and management service, and if the problem or abnormality is significant enough to require additional work to perform the key components of a problem-oriented evaluation and management service, then the appropriate office/outpatient code should also be reported. Modifier 25 should be added to the office/outpatient code to indicate that a significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service was provided on the same day as the preventive medicine service. The appropriate preventive medicine service is additionally reported. An insignificant or trivial problem/abnormality that is encountered in the process of performing the preventive medicine evaluation and management service and which does not require additional work and the performance of the key components of a problem-oriented E/M service should not be reported.
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