

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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FIRST DOLLAR COVERED SERVICES RELATED TO HIV PREP MEDICATION

The departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and the Treasury have issued a Frequently Asked Questions document that mandates certain services related to the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medication have first dollar coverage beginning **September 17, 2021**.

As part of the preventive schedule federally mandated preventive services, if the member is not infected with HIV and HIV infection diagnoses codes are not reported on the claim, the following services should be offered at first dollar coverage*:

- **Hepatitis B and C Screening:**
 - Highmark has included this in our preventive health schedule and allows both screenings up to 4 times a year for members taking PrEP medication.
 - Highmark will begin allowing the following diagnosis codes up to 2 times a year when billing for procedure code 87517 for members with chronic hepatitis taking PrEP medication:
 - Diagnosis Codes Z1159 and B18.0, B18.1 or B18.2 without Z21 or B20
- **Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Counseling to Prevent STD Infection:**
 - Highmark allows STD counseling to prevent STD infection up to 4 times a year for members taking PrEP medication.
- **Certain Kidney Function Tests:**
 - Highmark allows Diagnosis Codes Z11.4 or Z20.6 without B20 or Z21 when billed with procedure code 82565 or 82575 twice a year for each procedure code for those taking PrEP medication.
- **Urine Pregnancy Test:**
 - Highmark allows 4 urine pregnancy tests a year for members taking PrEP medication when Diagnosis code Z11.4 or Z20.6 is billed with procedure 81025 without B20 or Z21.
- **Adherence Counseling:**
 - Diagnosis code Z717 for HIV counseling can be billed with procedure codes 99401-99404 without B20 or Z21 up to 4 times a year for members taking PrEP medication.
 - **Do not bill if done during office visit as it is included in that office visit.**
- **Office Visit for Related Services:**



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- Diagnoses codes Z11.4 or Z20.6 can be billed with procedure codes 99202-99205 or 99211-99215 without B20 or Z21 up to 4 times per year for members taking PrEP medication.
- Procedure codes 99401-99404 billed for the same office visit will be denied as the office visit includes adherence counseling.
- **HIV PrEP Medication for Adolescents:**
 - Highmark will allow first dollar coverage for adolescents who are not infected with HIV and are at high risk of HIV infection.
 - You determine if the adolescent patient is eligible.

* Certain PPACA provisions differ or do not apply to these plans. Grandfathered plans (health care plans that were established before March 23, 2010 and have not changed their benefit structure) may opt to cover these benefits. Always check the member's benefits in NaviNet when a member asks for a service.