COMPLIANCE TIP

TO: Compliance Alert Distribution List
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SUBJECT: Timeframes for Medicare Part B Initial Preventive Physical
          Examinations and Annual Wellness Visits
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The table below lists the various procedure codes recognized by Medicare Part B for
Initial Preventive Physical Examinations (IPPE) and Annual Wellness Visits (AWV)
along with reporting timeframes and utilization limits.

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<th>Procedure Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Timeframe</th>
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<td>G0402</td>
<td>Initial preventive physical examination (IPPE); face-to-face visit (AKA: “Welcome to Medicare Visit”)</td>
<td>Only one per lifetime. During first 12 months of first Medicare Part B coverage period</td>
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<td>G0438</td>
<td>Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPS), initial visit</td>
<td>Only one per lifetime. After first 12 months of first Medicare Part B coverage period and have not had their IPPE within past 12 months</td>
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<tr>
<td>G0439</td>
<td>Annual wellness visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPS), subsequent visit</td>
<td>Eligible every 12 months after initial AWV</td>
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