

Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High-Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs

Screening Tests: Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen

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Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD)

The ICD codes provided are from the CMS claims processing manual: [Medicare Claims Processing Manual \(cms.gov\)](#)

- CMS NCD website: [NCD - Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections \(STIs\) and High-Intensity Behavioral Counseling \(HIBC\) to Prevent STIs \(210.10\) \(cms.gov\)](#)
- Provider Responsibility: Ordering provider is responsible to ensure appropriate diagnostic coding for a test.
- ABN Reminder: If you are ordering this test for diagnostic reasons that are not covered under Medicare policy, an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) form is required.

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170.1 - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Screening for STIs and HIBC to Prevent STIs

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Effective for claims with dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, the claims processing instructions for payment of screening tests for STI will apply to the following HCPCS/CPT codes:

Test	CPT Codes
Chlamydia (CT)	86631, 86632, 87110, 87270, 87320, 87490, 87491, 87810, 87800, 0353U (combo CT/GC)
Gonorrhea (GC)	87590, 87591, 87850, 87800, 0353U (combo CT/GC)
Syphilis	86592, 86593, 86780
Hepatitis B surface antigen	87340, 87341

Effective for claims with dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, implemented with the January 2, 2012, IOCE, the following HCPCS code is to be billed for HIBC to prevent STIs:

- G0445 - high-intensity behavioral counseling to prevent sexually transmitted infections, face-to-face, individual, includes: education, skills training, and guidance on how to change sexual behavior, performed semi-annually, 30 minutes.

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170.2 - Diagnosis Code Reporting

(Rev. 11021; Issued: 10-01-21; Effective: 10-29-21; Implementation: 10-29-21)

A claim that is submitted for screening chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and/or hepatitis B shall be submitted with one or more of the following diagnosis codes in the header and pointed to the line item:

- a. For claims for screening for **chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in women** at increased risk who are not pregnant use the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes:
 - Z11.3 - Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission;
and any of
 - o Z72.89 - Other problems related to lifestyle, or
 - o Z72.51 - High risk heterosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.52 - High risk homosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.53 - High risk bisexual behavior (These diagnosis codes are used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs).
- b. For claims for screening for **syphilis in men** at increased risk use the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes:
 - Z11.3 - Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission; **and** any of
 - o Z72.89 - Other problems related to lifestyle, or
 - o Z72.51 - High risk heterosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.52 - High risk homosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.53 - High risk bisexual behavior (These diagnosis codes are used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs).
- c. For claims for screening for **chlamydia and gonorrhea in pregnant women** at increased risk for STIs use the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, if applicable:
 - Z11.3 - Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission;
and one of:
 - o Z72.89 - Other problems related to lifestyle, or
 - o Z72.51 - High risk heterosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.52 - High risk homosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.53 - High risk bisexual behavior (These diagnosis codes are used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs).

and also one of the following - *see page 3 for code listing*

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Code Description

Z34.00 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.01 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.02 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, second trimester
Z34.03 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.80 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.81 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.82 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, second trimester
Z34.83 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.90 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
Z34.91 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
Z34.92 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
Z34.93 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester
O09.90 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
O09.91 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
O09.92 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
O09.93 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester

- d. For claims for screening for **syphilis in pregnant women** use the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes:
- Z11.3 - Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission;
- and** one of

Code Description

Z34.00 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.01 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.02 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, second trimester
Z34.03 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.80 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.81 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.82 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, second trimester
Z34.83 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.90 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
Z34.91 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
Z34.92 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
Z34.93 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester
O09.90 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
O09.91 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
O09.92 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
O09.93 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester

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e. For claims for screening for **syphilis in pregnant women** at increased risk for STIs use the following ICD10-CM diagnosis codes:

- Z11.3 - Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission; **and** any of:
 - o Z72.89 - Other problems related to lifestyle, or
 - o Z72.51 - High risk heterosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.52 - High risk homosexual behavior, or
 - o Z72.53 - High risk bisexual behavior (These diagnosis codes are used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs).

and also one of the following:

Code Description

Z34.00 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.01 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, first trimester
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O09.92 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
O09.93 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester

f. For claims for screening for **hepatitis B in pregnant women** use the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes:

- Z11.59 - Encounter for screening for other viral diseases, and any of
- Z34.00 - Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester, or
- Z34.80 - Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester, or
- Z34.90 - Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester, or
- O09.90 - Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester.

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g. For claims for screening for **hepatitis B in pregnant women** at increased risk for STIs use the following ICD-10 -CM diagnosis codes:

- Z11.59 - Encounter for screening for other viral diseases, and
- Z72.89 - Other problems related to lifestyle,

and any of

- o Z72.51 - High risk heterosexual behavior, or
- o Z72.52 - High risk homosexual behavior, or
- o Z72.53 - High risk bisexual behavior;

and also one of the following:

Code Description

Z34.00 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, unspecified trimester
Z34.01 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, first trimester
Z34.02 Encounter for supervision of normal first pregnancy, second trimester
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Z34.81 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, first trimester
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Z34.83 Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, third trimester
Z34.90 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
Z34.91 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester
Z34.92 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
Z34.93 Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester
O09.90 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester
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O09.92 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester
O09.93 Supervision of high risk pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester

170.3 - Billing Requirements

(Rev. 11021; Issued: 10-01-21; Effective: 10-29-21; Implementation: 10-29-21)

Effective for dates of service November 8, 2011, and later, A/B MACs (A) and (B) shall recognize HCPCS code G0445 for HIBC. Medicare shall cover up to two occurrences of G0445 when billed for HIBC to prevent STIs. A claim that is submitted with HCPCS code G0445 for HIBC shall be submitted with ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z72.89.

A/B MACs (A) and (B) shall pay for screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis (as indicated by the presence of ICD-10 is applicable, ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z11.3; and/or hepatitis B (as indicated by the

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presence of ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z11.59 as follows:

- One annual occurrence of screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis (i.e., 1 per 12-month period) in women at increased risk who are not pregnant,
- One annual occurrence of screening for syphilis (i.e., 1 per 12-month period) in men at increased risk,
- Up to two occurrences per pregnancy of screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea in pregnant women who are at increased risk for STIs and continued increased risk for the second screening,
- One occurrence per pregnancy of screening for syphilis in pregnant women,
- Up to an additional two occurrences per pregnancy of screening for syphilis in pregnant women if the beneficiary is at continued increased risk for STIs,
- One occurrence per pregnancy of screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women, and,
- One additional occurrence per pregnancy of screening for hepatitis B in pregnant women who are at continued increased risk for STIs.

170.4 - Types of Bill (TOBs) and Revenue Codes

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

The applicable types of bill (TOBs) for HIBC screening, HCPCS code G0445, are: 13X, 71X, 77X, and 85X.

On institutional claims, TOBs 71X and 77X, use revenue code 052X to ensure coinsurance and deductible are not applied.

Critical access hospitals (CAHs) electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services report this service under revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X.

170.4.1 - Payment Method

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

Payment for HIBC is based on the all-inclusive payment rate for rural health clinics (TOBs 71X) and federally qualified health centers (TOB 77X). Hospital outpatient departments (TOB 13X) are paid based on the outpatient prospective payment system and CAHs (TOB 85X) are paid based on reasonable cost. CAHs electing the optional method of payment for outpatient services are paid based on 115% of the lesser of the

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) amount or submitted charge.

Effective for dates of service on and after November 8, 2011, deductible and coinsurance do not apply to claim lines with G0445.

HCPCS code G0445 may be paid on the same date of service as an annual wellness visit, evaluation and management (E&M) code, or during the global billing period for obstetrical care, but only one G0445 may be

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paid on any one date of service. If billed on the same date of service with an E&M code, the E&M code should have a distinct diagnosis code other than the diagnosis code used to indicate high/increased risk for STIs for the G0445 service. An E&M code should not be billed when the sole reason for the visit is HIBC to prevent STIs.

For Medicare Part B physician and non-practitioner claims, payment for HIBC to prevent STIs is based on the MPFS amount for G0445.

170.5 - Specialty Codes and Place of Service (POS)

(Rev. 2476, Issued: 05-23-12, Effective: 11-08-11, Implementation: 02-27-12)

Medicare provides coverage for screening for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and/or hepatitis B and HIBC to prevent STIs only when ordered by a primary care practitioner (physician or non-physician) with any of the following specialty codes:

- 01 - General Practice
- 08 - Family Practice
- 11 - Internal Medicine
- 16 - Obstetrics/Gynecology
- 37 - Pediatric Medicine
- 38 - Geriatric Medicine
- 42 - Certified Nurse Midwife
- 50 - Nurse Practitioner
- 89 - Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- 97 - Physician Assistant

Medicare provides coverage for HIBC to prevent STIs only when provided by a primary care practitioner (physician or non-physician) with any of the specialty codes identified above.

Medicare provides coverage for HIBC to prevent STIs only when the POS billed is 11, 22, 49, or 71.

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