



Overview of Counseling Services (G Codes)

At times, a provider may offer additional screening or counseling focused on a specific topic. Below are some examples:

Obesity Counseling – Code G0447

This service includes screening and providing guidance for patients with a BMI greater than 30. It covers discussions around diet and examines behavioral changes that could support achieving a healthier weight.

Cardiovascular Counseling – Code 99446

This service entails evaluating a patient's risk for cardiovascular issues through cholesterol and blood pressure checks. It includes discussing the patient's 10-year cardiovascular risk, weighing the benefits and drawbacks of medications like aspirin for risk reduction, and reviewing lifestyle adjustments to lower cardiovascular risk.

Depression Screening/Counseling – Code G0444

This includes administering a depression screening tool. The provider will go over the results with the patient and engage in a discussion based on those findings.

Alcohol Use Screening and Counseling – Codes G0442/G0443

This service involves assessing alcohol use through a screening tool. The provider will analyze the results, discuss them with the patient, and offer counseling as needed based on the findings.

Tobacco Cessation Counseling – Code 99406

This involves a conversation between the provider and the patient focused on quitting or reducing smoking. The goal is to lower risks related to stroke, heart disease, and lung conditions.