



## Coding/Billing Guidance for Talking with Your Patients about Vaping

- Within well child checks (WCC), risk counseling is already bundled within the WCC. If you are seeing the patient for a well visit AND also diagnose with a vaping-related disorder, bill your WCC services and a sick visit.

With WCC, you can use the following additional codes:

**Z71.89** – Other specified counseling (can be used as first diagnosis)

**Z71.6** – Tobacco counseling (coded with nicotine dependence)

Document these based on TIME.

Example of statement: *“Spent X minutes above and beyond WCC addressing vaping issue.”*

### **Supplementary Diagnosis Codes:**

**Z77.22** – Secondhand smoke exposure

**Z72.0** – Tobacco Use

**Z72.89** – Other Problems related to lifestyle

- **U07.0** is sufficient for billing if the patient has a lung illness from vaping or symptoms due to vaping. The guidelines for this code state that this can be used as the only diagnosis for the visit. If however there are serious vaping-related manifestations (e.g., acute respiratory failure, pneumonitis) you should code these conditions additionally using SICK visit diagnosis codes.

U07.0 is a diagnosis and diagnoses are not tied to reimbursement. If you are only seeing the patient for a vaping-related disorder/EVALI, you will bill a regular sick office visit.

- For preventive medicine/counseling to reduce risk, e.g., Vaping counseling with your asthmatics, you can use the following codes based on TIME with your sick visit. You cannot use these codes with WCC.
  - 99401** = 15 minutes (\$40 CMS payment)
  - 99402** = 30 minutes (\$65 CMS payment)
  - 99403** = 45 minutes (\$90 CMS payment)
  - 99404** = 60 minutes (\$115 CMS payment)

\*\*Please note that reimbursement will vary by payer.

Be sure to review these codes with your practice contract manager so 1) they can verify these codes and 2) be aware that physicians and APPs will be using them more....to avoid any surprises.