

CAN I GET PAID FOR TRAVELING COUNSELING



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Who will pay?

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- Could be patient due
- Some insurance companies pay for travel counseling and required immunizations



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Preventive medicine codes 99401--99404

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99401 Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes

99402 approximately 30 minutes

99403 approximately 45 minutes

99404 approximately 60 minutes

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Individual counseling

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- New or established patient, face-to-face counseling by physician/NP/PA
- Purpose of promoting health and preventing illness or injury
- Risk factor reduction for persons without a specified illness

Document time spent in the medical record

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Diagnosis code

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Z71.89 Other specified counseling

Z23 Encounter for immunization

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Office/outpatient services based on time

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- Some groups use codes for new and established patient office visits based on time
- This doesn't change the diagnosis code

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Can you be paid for travel counseling?

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- If your patient is going to the Galápagos, you can counsel them—and bill them—on travel related medical advice



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