SECTION 5: BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

of the Professional Provider Office Manual

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The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that clinicians prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) using effective antiretroviral therapy to people at increased risk of HIV acquisition. This can decrease their risk of acquiring HIV. This USPSTF recommendation has a Grade 'A' rating, meaning it is a service strongly recommended to provide to eligible patients. Those at increased risk of HIV acquisition are defined in the guideline: Recommendation: Prevention of Acquisition of HIV: Preexposure Prophylaxis | United States Preventive Services Task Force. The guideline can be found online at https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/prevention-of-human-immunodeficiency-virus-hiv-infection-pre-exposure-prophylaxis#fullrecommendationstart.

When providing PrEP services (including HIV testing, preventive counseling, and prescription therapy) in accordance with this guideline to members at increased risk of HIV acquisition, providers should bill the applicable CPT code and submit one of the following:

- CPT code with Modifier SK; or
- CPT code and ICD-10 code Z29.81; or
- CPT code with Modifier 33 and ICD-10 code Z29.81.

This will facilitate the recognition of the service as a wellness benefit being provided in accordance with a USPSTF Grade A or Grade B recommendation.