

under this proposed packaging policy. It is not meant to represent a threshold above which ancillary services will not be packaged, but as a basis for selecting this initial set of APCs, which will likely be updated and expanded in future years. In future years, we may package ancillary services assigned to APCs with geometric mean costs higher than \$100. In addition, geometric mean costs can change over time. A change in the geometric mean cost of any of the proposed APCs above \$100 in future years would not change the conditionally packaged status of services assigned to the APCs selected in 2015 in a future year. We will continue to consider these APCs to be conditionally packaged. However, we will review the conditionally packaged status of ancillary services annually.

We are proposing to exclude certain services from this packaging policy even though they are assigned to APCs with a geometric mean cost of \leq \$100. Preventive services will continue to be paid separately, and includes the following services listed in Table 10 below that would otherwise be packaged under this policy.

TABLE 10.—PREVENTIVE SERVICES EXEMPTED FROM THE ANCILLARY SERVICE PACKAGING POLICY

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	APC
76977	Us bone density measure	0340
77078	Ct bone density axial	0260
77080	Dxa bone density axial	0261
77081	Dxa bone density/peripheral	0260
G0117	Glaucoma scrn hgh risk direc	0260
G0118	Glaucoma scrn hgh risk direc	0230
G0130	Single energy x-ray study	0230
G0389	Ultrasound exam aaa screen	0265
G0404	Ekg tracing for initial prev	0450
Q0091	Obtaining screen pap smear	0450