



Medicare Annual Wellness Visit

Medicare requires all beneficiaries to have an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) for those who have had Part B benefits for more than 12 months. Medicare does not pay for a traditional “physical” but Medicare does pay for a wellness visit once a year to identify health risks and helps you to reduce them. At your wellness visit, our health care team will take a complete health history and provide several other services:

- Screenings to detect depression, risk for falling and other problems
- A limited physical exam to check your blood pressure, weight, vision and other things depending on your age, gender and level of activity
- Recommendations for other wellness services and healthy lifestyle changes.

Please know that an Annual Wellness Visit does not cover new or existing problems; that would be a *separate* service. If you would like to discuss new or existing problems during your Annual Wellness Visit, your insurance will be billed for an Annual Wellness Visit *and* an office visit, which will be applied towards your deductible. You can schedule a separate appointment to discuss these problems but this will also be applied towards your deductible. *A separate charge applies to these services, whether provided on the same date or a different date than the wellness visit.*

To improve the quality of your time in our office we have attached the Medicare Questionnaire that needs to be filled out prior to your appointment. Please bring the completed questionnaire to your appointment to avoid your appointment being rescheduled.

If your physician ordered labs for you, please make sure to complete 1 week prior to your appointment. If you are unsure if labs were ordered or have questions, please call our office at (843) 763-3700.

In future years you will be eligible for subsequent AWV's where this baseline will be reviewed and updated. If this is your subsequent AWV, we will be comparing your responses today to your baseline. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you this service in addition to your customary visit. If you have questions or need assistance with the forms, please see a member of the staff.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance, as we want to ensure you get the best wellness care possible.