

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit

Dear Medicare patient,

You may have heard that as of January 1, 2011 Medicare expanded their list of covered preventive health services to now include an "Annual Wellness Visit". This service is intended to help your doctor identify health risks in order to provide you with the necessary referrals to other Medicare covered preventive services. In other words, the visit is to make sure that all appropriate health screening exams that are covered by Medicare are being done and that your medical chart is up to date. Medicare still does not cover Routine Physicals.

To ensure that all points of the Annual Wellness Visit are covered, the attached questionnaire must be completed. You may complete it at home and bring it to your appointment or we will assist you when you arrive. At a minimum, you must bring with you a complete list of all doctors that you see as well as a complete list of medications with dosage (including over the counter).

There will be **limited** time allowed to discuss the treatment and/or management of any existing or new conditions. If the doctor performs any problem focused services, those will be billed separately and deductible and coinsurance will apply.

If you want a Complete Physical Exam, you will be expected to pay at the time of service. Please call the office for pricing.

Thank you for helping us provide you with the most comprehensive healthcare we can while still following Medicare guidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office.

Thank you,

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