

# THE BASICS OF Medicare Annual Wellness Visits

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a preventive visit covered by Medicare at no cost to patients. Medicare AWVs are a great way to connect with your patients, focus on issues that may be overlooked in routine physical exams and develop a long-term preventive care plan.



**Health Risk Assessment**



**Patient History**



**Current Care Providers**












**Current Medications**



**Screenings**

During the visit, important information is gathered to develop a long-term preventive care plan.




## There are three types of preventive wellness visits covered by Medicare:

<p> <b>Welcome to Medicare Visit (G0402)</b></p> <p>Initial Preventive Physical Examination, or IPPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicare pays for one per lifetime</li> <li>Must be done in <b>first 12 months</b> of Part B coverage</li> </ul> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <div data-bbox="105 1291 470 1543">  <p><b>Martha</b> Has had Medicare for <b>5 months</b></p> </div> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Martha is eligible for a:</p> <p><b>Welcome to Medicare Visit</b> because she enrolled in Medicare less than 12 months ago.</p> <p> <b>Welcome to Medicare Visit</b> 2.43 RVUs \$170 reimbursement rate*</p>	<p> <b>Initial Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0438)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applies the first time a beneficiary receives an AWW</li> <li>Patient is eligible <b>after the first 12 months</b> of Part B coverage</li> <li>Patient hasn't completed a Welcome to Medicare Visit in the past 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <div data-bbox="609 1291 974 1543">  <p><b>Joe</b> Has had Medicare for <b>18 months</b></p> </div> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Joe is eligible for an:</p> <p><b>Initial Medicare AWW</b> because he's had Medicare for longer than 12 months and has never had an AWW</p> <p> <b>Initial Medicare AWW</b> 2.43 RVUs \$175 reimbursement rate*</p>	<p> <b>Subsequent Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0439)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applies to all AWWs after a beneficiary's initial AWW</li> <li>No AWW within the past year</li> </ul> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <div data-bbox="1120 1291 1485 1543">  <p><b>Mary</b> Has had Medicare for <b>3 Years</b> had an initial Medicare AWW 13 months ago</p> </div> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Mary is eligible for a:</p> <p><b>Subsequent Medicare AWW</b> because she's had Medicare longer than 12 months and it's been more than 11 months since her initial AWW.</p> <p> <b>Subsequent Medicare AWW</b> 1.50 RVUs \$120 reimbursement rate*</p>
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\*Approximate national average reimbursement rate in 2019. Established office visit (99214) has an RVU of 1.50 and a reimbursement rate of \$110.

# Visit Comparison

Required visit components per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Required Components (at a minimum)			
	Welcome to Medicare Visit (G0402)	Initial Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0438)	Subsequent Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0439)
Establish/update Health Risk Assessment		X	X
Document height, weight, BMI and blood pressure	X	X	X
Document current medications and supplements, including review of opioid use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assess the benefit for other non-opioid pain therapies</li> </ul>	X	X	X
Establish/update a list of current providers		X	X
Obtain and document medical, surgical and family history	X	X	X
Establish/update a list of the patient's risk factors, conditions and treatment options		X	X
Depression screening	X	X	
Assess cognitive function		X	X
Visual acuity screening	X		
Review patient's functional ability and level of safety	X	X	
Advance Care Planning (with patient consent)	X	X	X
Provide education, counseling and referrals based on the components of the visit	X	X	X
Provide a written preventive screening schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include a one-time EKG/ECG</li> <li>Screen during a Welcome to Medicare Visit ONLY</li> </ul>	X	X	X

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- ▶ Connect with a Clinical Coordinator at: [nhn@nebraskahealthnetwork.com](mailto:nhn@nebraskahealthnetwork.com)
- ▶ View the consumer guide to AWVs in the **Medicare & You** handbook on Medicare.gov

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