

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> Welcome to Medicare Visit (G0402)</p> <p>Initial Preventive Physical Examination, or IPPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare pays for one per lifetime Must be done in first 12 months of Part B coverage <p>Example:</p> <div data-bbox="105 1302 462 1543">  <p>Martha Has had Medicare for 5 months</p> </div> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Martha is eligible for a:</p> <p>Welcome to Medicare Visit</p> <p>because she enrolled in Medicare less than 12 months ago.</p> <p> Welcome to Medicare Visit 2.43 RVUs \$170 reimbursement rate*</p>	<p> Initial Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0438)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies the first time a beneficiary receives an AWW Patient is eligible after the first 12 months of Part B coverage Patient hasn't completed a Welcome to Medicare Visit in the past 12 months <p>Example:</p> <div data-bbox="609 1302 966 1543">  <p>Joe Has had Medicare for 18 months</p> </div> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Joe is eligible for an:</p> <p>Initial Medicare AWW</p> <p>because he's had Medicare for longer than 12 months and has never had an AWW</p> <p> Initial Medicare AWW 2.43 RVUs \$175 reimbursement rate*</p>	<p> Subsequent Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0439)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to all AWWs after a beneficiary's initial AWW No AWW within the past year <p>Example:</p> <div data-bbox="1120 1302 1477 1543">  <p>Mary Has had Medicare for 3 Years had an initial Medicare AWW 13 months ago</p> </div> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Mary is eligible for a:</p> <p>Subsequent Medicare AWW</p> <p>because she's had Medicare longer than 12 months and it's been at least 12 months since her initial AWW.</p> <p> Subsequent Medicare AWW 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: • <i>assess the benefit for other non-opioid pain therapies</i>	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 • <i>May include a one-time EKG/ECG</i> <i>Screen during a Welcome to Medicare Visit ONLY</i>	X	X	X

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- ▶ View the consumer guide to AWVs in the **Medicare & You** handbook on Medicare.gov

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