

MEDICARE WELLNESS

- IPPE (Initial Preventive Physical Exam)
 - Once per lifetime, within 12 months of initial Medicare enrollment
 - Minimal exam involved
- Initial Annual Wellness Visit
 - Once per lifetime, either 13 months initial Medicare enrollment or 12 months after receiving the IPPE – whichever is greater
 - Minimal exam involved.
- Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit
 - Once every 12 months after receiving the Initial Annual Wellness Visit.
 - No max per lifetime
 - Minimal exam involved

Both Traditional Medicare & Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries are eligible to receive these visits.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (WELLNESS, CHECK UP, ANNUAL)

- No illnesses are addressed
- No chronic conditions are reviewed or evaluated
- No new health concerns are addressed
- Exam is based on age and gender
- Recommendations given for screening tests (tests may be separately billable)
- Advice/education on healthy practices
- Immunizations (separately billed)
- Update past, family & social history
- Examples of Preventive Medicine:
 - Annual physical
 - School, sports or work physicals
 - Well-baby visit

Traditional Medicare does not cover Preventive Medicine Visits and beneficiaries may have to pay out of pocket. Most Medicare Advantage plans do cover Preventive Visits.

ACUTE OR CHRONIC (PROBLEM) VISITS

- Could be for illness, injury or condition
- Discussion of new health concern(s)
- Chronic disease management/monitoring
- Ongoing health concerns
- Injury evaluation/treatment
 - Note: treatment may be separately billable
- Prescription management – both new and refills
- Exam is based on the problem(s) being addressed/evaluated
 - Exams may consist of visual inspection, instrumentation such as a stethoscope, palpation, physical assessment, and/or observation

COMBINE YOUR VISIT

- You can be billed for both a Preventive Visit and a Problem Visit on the same day
 - Saves a second trip to the provider's office.
- When could this happen? (examples are not all inclusive):
 - Problem is discovered during your Preventive Visit
 - You request an Annual Physical, but also need medication refills and labs for your chronic conditions
- Please be aware of these things if this occurs:
 - You will be billed for 2 or more services
 - Depending upon your insurance plan, you may be assessed more than one co-pay/co-insurance

Traditional Medicaid & Medicaid Managed Care Plans do not allow more than one visit by the same Provider on the same day.