

What you should know about your Medicare Annual Wellness Visit

The Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a yearly appointment with your primary care provider (PCP) to create or update a personalized health and wellness plan. This plan may help prevent illness by addressing your current health and risk factors. Keep in mind that the AWV **does not include a head-to-toe physical exam**. Medicare does not cover an annual physical.

During the course of your AWV, your provider may discover and need to investigate or treat a new or existing problem. **The AWV does not include/cover discussion of new problems or a detailed review of chronic conditions (Diagnostic Care)**. This additional care is considered diagnostic, which means that your PCP is treating you because of certain symptoms or risk factors. **You may be billed for any Diagnostic Care you receive during an AWV.**

What is included in your Medicare Annual Wellness Visit:

- Medical and family history
- List of current medical providers
- Height, weight, BMI, BP and other appropriate routine measurements
- Detection of cognitive impairment
- Review risk factors
- Review of functional ability
- Establish a written screening schedule for next 5-10 years
- Establish a list of risk factors
- Provide advice and referrals to health education and preventative counseling services
- Other elements as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services

Please visit www.medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-visit-and-yearly-wellness-exams.html if you have additional questions regarding your Medicare AWV.