

# Annual Wellness Visit Fact Sheet

## What is the Annual Wellness Visit?

The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a free annual preventive visit which focuses on providing a personalized prevention plan of services for Medicare Advantage members. The AWV is not a routine physical exam.

## Who can perform the AWV?

Physician (doctor of medicine or osteopathy), qualified non-physician practitioner (a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified clinical nurse specialist); or medical professional (including a health educator, registered dietitian, nutrition professional or other licensed practitioner), or a team of medical professionals working under the direct supervision of a physician may perform the AWV. However, for Risk Adjustment (RA) purposes the AWV must be completed by a CMS approved provider (listing on next page).

## Can a Registered Nurse perform the AWV?

Yes, for billing purposes. However, Registered Nurses **are not** on the list of acceptable physician specialties for RA purposes.

## Who is eligible for the AWV?

Initial AWV is available to the beneficiary during the second year of eligibility for Medicare. Subsequent AWV are allowed once per calendar year after the initial AWV.

## Can evaluation and management (E/M) services be provided on the same day as the AWV?

Yes. The appropriate medically necessary E/M service may be billed in addition to the AWV. Report the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code with modifier -25. **Note: If treatment for an existing medical condition during the preventive service, or other services are billed in addition to the preventive service, cost sharing for the care received may also apply.**

	Initial Preventative Physical Exam (IPPE)	Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)	Annual Routine Physicals/ Preventative Services
HCPCS/ CPT	<b>G0402</b>	<b>G0438 &amp; G0439</b>	<b>99381-99397</b>
<b>Purpose &amp; Frequency</b>	<p>Face-to-face visit; includes preventive evaluation and management service.</p> <p>This exam is a preventive physical exam and not a comprehensive physical checkup.</p> <p><b>This service is limited to new beneficiaries during the first 12 months of Medicare enrollment.</b></p>	<p>Face-to-face visit; includes personalized prevention plan of services.</p> <p><b>G0438 Initial AWV:</b></p> <p>Services limited to beneficiary during the second year the patient is eligible for Medicare Part B. Only one first AWV per beneficiary per lifetime.</p> <p><b>G0439 Subsequent AWV:</b></p> <p>Coded the year following Initial AWV.</p> <p><b>This benefit is once per calendar year.</b></p> <p>This exam is a preventive physical exam and not a comprehensive physical checkup. <b>Note:</b> The AWV is intended to build upon previously established IPPE.</p>	<p>Face-to-face comprehensive, multi-system exam based on the patient's age, gender, and identified risk factors.</p> <p>The comprehensive history obtained as part of the preventive medicine E/M service is not problem-oriented and does not involve a chief complaint or present illness. It does include a comprehensive system review and comprehensive or interval past, family, and social history, as well as a comprehensive assessment/history of pertinent risk factors.</p> <p>Includes clinical laboratory tests.</p> <p><b>This benefit is once per calendar year.</b></p>
<b>Acceptable Providers for Billing</b>	Physician or qualified non-physician practitioner	Physician, qualified non-physician practitioner, or medical professional <b>Note:</b> For RA purposes, see acceptable specialty list on next page	Physician or qualified non-physician practitioner

**Acceptable Physician Specialty Types for  
2019 Payment Year (2018 Dates of Service)  
Risk Adjustment Data Submission**

CODE	SPECIALTY	CODE	SPECIALTY	CODE	SPECIALTY
1	General Practice	27	Geriatric Psychiatry	77	Vascular Surgery
2	General Surgery	28	Colorectal Surgery (formerly Proctology)	78	Cardiac Surgery
3	Allergy/Immunology	29	Pulmonary Disease	79	Addiction Medicine
4	Otolaryngology	33*	Thoracic Surgery	80	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
5	Anesthesiology	34	Urology	81	Critical care (intensivists)
6	Cardiology	35	Chiropractic	82	Hematology
7	Dermatology	36	Nuclear Medicine	83	Hematology/Oncology
8	Family Practice	37	Pediatric Medicine	84	Preventive Medicine
9	Interventional Pain Management (IPM)	38	Geriatric Medicine	85	Maxillofacial Surgery
10	Gastroenterology	39	Nephrology	86	Neuropsychiatry
11	Internal Medicine	40	Hand Surgery	89*	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
12	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine	41	Optometry	90	Medical Oncology
13	Neurology	42	Certified Nurse Midwife	91	Surgical Oncology
14	Neurosurgery	43	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	92	Radiation Oncology
15	Speech Language Pathologist	44	Infectious Disease	93	Emergency Medicine
16	Obstetrics/Gynecology	46*	Endocrinology	94	Interventional Radiology
17	Hospice And Palliative Care	48*	Podiatry	97*	Physician Assistant
18	Ophthalmology	50*	Nurse Practitioner	98	Gynecologist/Oncologist
19	Oral Surgery (dentists only)	62*	Psychologist	99	Unknown Physician Specialty
20	Orthopedic Surgery	64*	Audiologist	C0	Sleep Medicine
21	Cardiac Electrophysiology	65	Physical Therapist	C3	Interventional Cardiology
22	Pathology	66	Rheumatology	C5	Dentist
23	Sports Medicine	67	Occupational Therapist	C6	Hospitalist
24	Plastic And Reconstructive Surgery	68	Clinical Psychologist	C7	Advanced Heart Failure And Transplant Cardiology
25	Physical Medicine And Rehabilitation	72*	Pain Management	C8	Medical Toxicology
26	Psychiatry	76*	Peripheral Vascular Disease	C9	Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation And Cellular Therapy

\* Indicates that a number has been skipped.

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