Medicare Annual Wellness

Medicare covers an "Annual Wellness Visit" (AWV) at NO CHARGE in addition to the one-time "Welcome to Medicare" exam. The "Welcome to Medicare" exam occurs only once during your first 12 months as a Medicare patient. You may receive your "Annual Wellness Visit" after you have been with Medicare for more than one year, or it has been at least one year since your "Welcome to Medicare" exam.

Welcome to Medicare Visit	Only for new Medicare patients. (Within the 1st year).
Annual Wellness Visit, Initial	At least 1 year after the "Welcome to Medicare" exam.
Annual Wellness Visit, Subsequent	Once yearly (1 year+1 day after last AWV)

The Annual Wellness Visit is NOT the same as what many people often refer to as their "yearly physical" exam. Medicare is very specific about what the "Annual Wellness Visit" includes and excludes.

At the Annual Wellness Visit, your doctor will talk to you about your medical history, review your risk factors, and make a personalized prevention plan to keep you healthy. The visit does ***NOT*** include a hands-on exam or any testing that your doctor may recommend, nor does it include any discussion about any new or current medical problems, conditions, or medications. If you wish to discuss any medical problems, you may schedule another visit to address those issues OR your doctor may charge you the usual Medicare fees for such services that are beyond the scope of the Annual Wellness Visit.

If you would like to schedule an annual physical, including any lab work or other diagnostic testing, medication management, vaccinations, and other services, please understand that these services will be charge and covered according to Medicare's usual coverage guidelines. However, you may still develop a care plan based on the Annual Wellness Visit criteria.

For your convenience, please complete the attached the forms and bring to your Annual Wellness Visit in order to expedite your visit.

We appreciate the trust you put in us to take care of your health care needs and hope that you will take advantage of this new benefit to work with your physician in creating your personalized prevention plan.

What you should bring to your Annual Wellness Visit

The names of ALL of your doctors

Name	Specialty

A list of ALL your medications
(If possible, bring the bottles to your visit)

Medication name	Dose

Check box YES or NO	Yes	No
Have any of your close relatives had any health changes?		
Has your mood changed?		
Do you worry about falling?		
Are you worried about your memory?		
Are there any preventative tests you have done recently? (such as lab tests, mammograms, x-rays)		
Have you had any recent immunizations?		
Do you have a living will or advance directive? (If you have one, please bring a copy of it with you)		

Name:_____ Date:_____ Date of Birth:_____

A Checklist for Your Medicare Wellness Annual Visit

Please complete this checklist before seeing your doctor or nurse. Your answers will help you receive the best health care possible.

1. During the past 4 weeks, how much have you been bothered by emotional problems such as feeling anxious, depressed, irritable, sad or downhearted and blue?
   - ☐ Not at all
   - ☐ Slightly
   - ☐ Moderately
   - ☐ Quite a bit
   - ☐ Extremely

2. During the past 4 weeks, has your physical and emotional health limited your social activities with family friends, neighbors or groups?
   - ☐ Not at all
   - ☐ Slightly
   - ☐ Moderately
   - ☐ Quite a bit
   - ☐ Extremely

3. During the past 4 weeks, how much bodily pain have you generally had?
   - ☐ No pain
   - ☐ Very mild pain
   - ☐ Mild pain
   - ☐ Moderate pain
   - ☐ Severe pain

4. During the past 4 weeks, was someone available to help you if you needed and wanted help? For example, if you felt very nervous, lonely or blue, got sick and had to stay in bed, needed someone to talk to, needed help with daily chores, or needed help just taking care of yourself.
   - ☐ Yes, as much as I wanted
   - ☐ Yes, quite a bit
   - ☐ Yes, some
   - ☐ Yes, a little
   - ☐ No, not at all

5 During the past 4 weeks, what was the hardest physical activity you could do for at least 2 minutes?
- ☐ Very heavy
- ☐ Heavy
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Light
- ☐ Very light

	Yes	No
6. Can you get places out of walking distance without help? For example, can you travel alone by bus, taxi, or drive your own car?	☐	☐
7. Can you shop for groceries or clothes without help?	☐	☐
8. Can you prepare your own meals?	☐	☐
9. Can you do your own housework without help?	☐	☐
10. Can you handle your own money without help?	☐	☐
11. Do you need help eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around your home?	☐	☐

12. During the past 4 weeks, how would you rate your health in general?
   - ☐ Excellent
   - ☐ Very good
   - ☐ Good
   - ☐ Fair
   - ☐ Poor

13. How have things been going for you during the past 4 weeks?
   - ☐ Very well - could hardly be better
   - ☐ Pretty good
   - ☐ Good and bad parts about equal
   - ☐ Pretty bad
   - ☐ Very bad - could hardly be worse

14. Are you having difficulties driving your car?

- ☐ Yes, often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable, I do not use a car

15. Do you always fasten your seat belt when you are in a car?

☐ Yes, usually ☐ Yes, sometimes ☐ No

16. How often during the past 4 weeks have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Fall or dizzy when standing up	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sexual problems	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Trouble eating well	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teeth or dentures	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Problems using the telephone	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tired or fatigued	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

17. Have you fallen 2 or more times in the past year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Are you afraid of falling?

☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Are you a smoker?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, and I might quit
- ☐ Yes, but I'm not ready to quit

20. During the past 4 weeks, how many drinks of wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages did you have?

- ☐ 10 or more per week
- ☐ 6-9 per week
- ☐ 2-5 per week
- ☐ 1 drink or less per week
- ☐ No alcohol at all

21. Do you exercise for about 20 minutes 3 or more days a week?

- ☐ Yes, most of the time
- ☐ Yes, some of the time
- ☐ No, I usually do not exercise this much.

22. Have you been given any information to help you with the following:

- Hazards in your house that might hurt you?
  ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Keeping track of your medications?
  ☐ Yes ☐ No

23. How often do you have trouble taking medicines the way you have been told to take them?

- ☐ I do not have to take medicine
- ☐ I always take them as prescribed
- ☐ Sometimes I take them as prescribed
- ☐ I seldom take them as prescribed

24. How confident are you that you can control and manage most of your health problems?

- ☐ Very confident
- ☐ Somewhat confident
- ☐ Not very confident
- ☐ I do not have any health problems.

How old are you? ☐ 65-69 ☐ 70-79 ☐ 80 or older

Are you male or female? ☐ Male ☐ Female

What is your race? (check one or more than one)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black/African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino origin or descent
- ☐ Other