

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> <p> Martha Has had Medicare for 5 months</p> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Martha is eligible for a:</p> <p>Welcome to Medicare Visit 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 AWV 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> <p> Joe Has had Medicare for 18 months</p> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Joe is eligible for an:</p> <p>Initial Medicare AWV because he's had Medicare for longer than 12 months and has never had an AWV</p> <p> Initial Medicare AWV 2.43 RVUs \$175 reimbursement</p>	<p> Subsequent Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0439)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to all AWVs after a beneficiary's initial AWV No AWV within the past year <p>Example:</p> <p> Mary Has had Medicare for 3 Years had an initial Medicare AWV 13 months ago</p> <p>According to Medicare criteria, Mary is eligible for a:</p> <p>Subsequent Medicare AWV because she's had Medicare longer than 12 months and it's been more than 11 months since her initial AWV.</p> <p> Subsequent Medicare AWV 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
Document height, weight, BMI, and blood pressure	X	X	X
Document current medications and supplements	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		
One time EKG/ECG Screen	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	X	X	X

Learn More about Medicare Annual Wellness Visits

► Contact: Bryan Health Connect Population Health Manager at wanda.kelley@bryanhealth.org

► View the consumer guide to AWVs in the **Medicare & You** handbook on [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)

