

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.

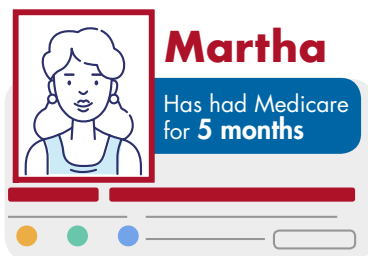
There are three types of preventive wellness visits covered by Medicare:

Welcome to Medicare Visit (G0402)

Initial Preventive Physical Examination, or IPPE


- Medicare pays for one per lifetime
- Must be done in **first 12 months** of Part B coverage

Example:



According to Medicare criteria, Martha is eligible for a:

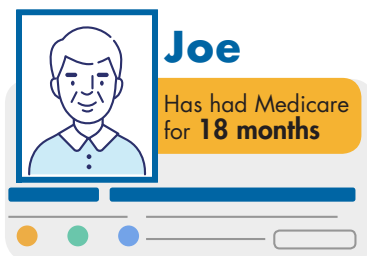
Welcome to Medicare Visit because she enrolled in Medicare less than 12 months ago.

 **Welcome to Medicare Visit**
2.43 RVUs
\$170 reimbursement rate*

Initial Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0438)

- Applies the first time a beneficiary receives an AWW
- 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

Example:



According to Medicare criteria, Joe is eligible for an:

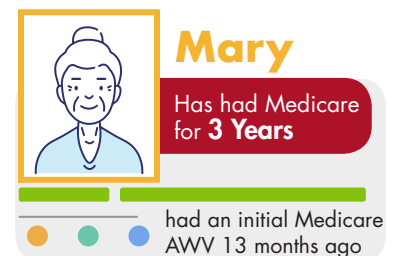
Initial Medicare AWW because he's had Medicare for longer than 12 months and has never had an AWW

 **Initial Medicare AWW**
2.43 RVUs
\$175 reimbursement rate*

Subsequent Medicare Annual Wellness Visit (G0439)

- Applies to all AWWs after a beneficiary's initial AWW
- No AWW within the past year

Example:



According to Medicare criteria, Mary is eligible for a:




Subsequent Medicare AWW because she's had Medicare longer than 12 months and it's been more than 11 months since her initial AWW.

 **Subsequent Medicare AWW**
1.50 RVUs
\$120 reimbursement rate*

*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	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

- ▶ Watch our education module and earn CME credits at: NebraskaHealthNetwork.com/resources
- ▶ Connect with a Clinical Coordinator at: nhn@nebraskahealthnetwork.com
- ▶ View the consumer guide to AWWs in the **Medicare & You** handbook on Medicare.gov

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