

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEDICARE VISITS



## Welcome to Medicare Initial Preventative Physical Exam (IPPE)

*Your Medicare deductible is waived for this visit*

**Cost:** FREE

**Coverage:** Once per lifetime, within 12 months of effective date of initial Part B Medicare coverage

**Purpose:** A review of your health, education, and counseling about preventative services, and referrals for other care as needed.

**Performed by:** Physician, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner

**Please note:**

- ▶ Medications are **not** refilled or prescribed in this exam
- ▶ You may be billed and responsible for copay if treating an illness (acute or chronic) or injury in same visit



## Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

*Your Medicare deductible is waived for this visit*

**Cost:** FREE

**Coverage:** Annually, at least 12 months after IPPE or after covered by Medicare for more than 12 months

**Purpose:** Develop and update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors. A variety of risk assessments will be discussed and reviewed with you.

**Performed by:** Registered Nurse

**Please note:**

- ▶ Medications are **not** refilled or prescribed in this exam
- ▶ You may be billed and responsible for copay if treating an illness (acute or chronic) or injury in same visit



## Medically Necessary Visit

**Cost:** Co-Pay

**Coverage:** Annually and as needed. You will be billed and responsible for 20% of the Medicare approved amount and the Part B deductible applies

**Purpose:** For medically necessary services including evaluation and management of an illness (acute or chronic) or injury

**Performed by:** Physician, Physician's Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner

**Please note:**

- ▶ Medications may be refilled or prescribed in this exam
- ▶ Please visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) for the most up to date coverage

Questions? Call our Medicare Wellness Nurse at (907)435-3086