



Update - Annual Wellness Visits for Medicare Members

It is important that all Medicare Advantage members complete their Annual Wellness Visit or their “Welcome to Medicare” Preventive Visit.

How visits are defined

Visit	Includes	Coverage
Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical history • Risk factors for illness • Medication review • Advanced care planning • Creating a personalized plan for preventive screenings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once per calendar year. <u>Example:</u> Mary had her annual wellness visit on Feb. 12, 2023. She can have her annual wellness visit on any date in 2024.
“Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit. Also known as Initial Preventive Physical Exam (IPPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of medical and social health history • Medication review • Preventive services education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The one-time visit for new Medicare members. • Covered within the first 12 months of member being enrolled in HAP Medicare Advantage plan.

There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for these visits.

For more information regarding these visits, please visit [CMS website](#).

Help Members Earn a Reward

HAP Medicare Advantage members who are registered for HAP’s rewards program can earn a reward if they complete an Annual Wellness Visit or the one-time “Welcome to Medicare” visit. Here’s how you can help your HAP Medicare patients earn their reward.

- When scheduling the appointment, make sure it’s for an Annual Wellness Visit, or Welcome to Medicare Visit. It is important to note that HAP Medicare Advantage members will not be eligible to earn the reward for a routine physical.
- Submit the claim using one of the covered annual wellness visit code listed below:
 - G0438
 - G0439
 - G0468 (specific IPPE or AWV completed at FQHC)
 - G0402 (specific to IPPE)

Remember, the Annual Wellness Visit is not the same as an annual physical. An annual physical is an assessment of the body’s health and may include blood or lab work. It does not include treatment or diagnosis of a specific illness, complaint, symptom, or injury. An office visit can be billed with an Annual Wellness Visit on the same date of service when billed with modifier 25.