

ATHENA FAMILY MEDICINE

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A WORD TO OUR PATIENTS ABOUT MEDICARE WELLNESS VISITS

Dear Patient,

We would like to say thank you for choosing Athena Family Medicine for your healthcare. We want you to receive your Annual Wellness Care, health care that may lower your risks of illness or injury. Medicare pays for SOME wellness care, but it does not pay for ALL the wellness care that you might need. We want you to know about your Medicare benefits and how we can help you get the most from them.

The term "Physical Exam" is often used to describe Wellness Care, but Medicare does NOT pay for the traditional "HEAD-TO-TOE" physical exam. Medicare DOES pay for a wellness visit once a year to identify health risks and help you to reduce them. At your Medicare Wellness visit, we will take a complete health history as well as providing other services including:

- Screenings to detect depression, assessment risks for fall & other issues
- A limited physical exam to check your vitals: weight, vision, blood pressure & other things depending on your age, gender and level of activity.
- Recommendations for other wellness services and healthy lifestyle changes that you might could benefit from.

A Medicare Wellness visit does NOT allow us to address NEW or EXISTING health problems, including medication refills. These would need to be scheduled for a separate scheduled appointment date & time. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your Medical Assistant or Physician for further details. We hope to help you get the most from your Medicare Wellness Care.

Sincerely,

Athena Family Medicine