



Medicare Visit Types

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Medicare is confusing. This outline is to help simplify scheduling your appointments and clarify what to expect at each type of visit. Medicare does not cover “routine physical examinations.” This type of visit is available, if desired, at your personal expense.

Visit Type	When to Schedule	What to Expect
“Welcome to Medicare Visit “ Also known as IPPE.	Schedule within the first 12 months of receiving Medicare. It is a one-time visit. We recommend scheduling it promptly so you can have your First Annual Wellness Visit as soon as possible.	The visit is preventive in nature. The doctor will review your medical and social history, assess potential risk factors, obtain vital signs, screen visual acuity, calculate Body Mass Index , perform an EKG and provide education and counseling. It does not include a “routine physical exam” or lab work.
First Annual Wellness Visit	Schedule after you have had Medicare for 12 months. It also has to be 12 months or more after your “Welcome to Medicare Visit.”	This visit includes a health risk assessment, medical and family history, review of risk factors and level of safety, a simple physical assessment, creating a list of your medical care providers, assessing cognitive function, creating a screening schedule, and providing education and counseling. It does not include a “routine physical exam” or lab work.
Subsequent Annual Wellness Visits	Schedule 12 months after your previous Annual Wellness Visit.	This visit updates your risk assessment, medical and family history, weight and blood pressure, list of risk factors and healthcare providers, and includes education and counseling. It does not include a “routine physical exam” or lab work.
Evaluation and Management Visit	Schedule when you are ill or for follow- up of medical problems.	The doctor will assess and treat your immediate condition.