

General Information on the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

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Important Notes

- IPPE is only performed during first 12 months after a patient enrolls in Medicare. Any wellness visits after the initial year are AWV (initial for first one and subsequent thereafter).
- Always determine the patient’s eligibility for the visit to ensure reimbursement. If the patient is eligible for an IPPE or AWV, billing codes are:

Welcome to Medicare Exam	G0402	}	Dx V70.0
Initial Annual Wellness Visit	G0438		
Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit	G0439		

- The AWV is NOT a routine problem focused medical visit or physical exam; however, the AWV can be conducted in conjunction with a routine visit to avoid scheduling appointments on different days if patients have conditions that require attention.