General Information on the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

1.1 Comparison of Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE, or “Welcome to Medicare”), 1st AWV and Subsequent AWV

1.2 Overview of the Components of the AWV

1.3 AWV Process Map

1.4 ABCs of the AWV

1.5 Medicare Preventive Services

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
  Initial Annual Wellness Visit   G0438
  Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit G0439

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- 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.