

Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) *for Medicare Patients*

The AWW exams are available on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only.
If you are a patient at the Ogden Clinic,
please call the Boone Clinic (the Ogden Clinic
does not currently offer the exam).
Please call us at (515) 432-2335
to schedule an appointment.



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With recent changes in Medicare benefits, Medicare insured patients can now receive an Annual Wellness Visit. This visit with a nurse is a benefit to the patient; Medicare does pay for this visit with no co-pay, deductible and/or coinsurance due from the patient.

The AWW is not a complete physical but includes:

- Review of your medical and family history
- Measurement of height, weight, body mass index, blood pressure, and other measurements deemed appropriate by your medical/family history
- A list of current providers involved in your medical care
- Detection of any cognitive impairments
- Review of potential risk factors for depression
- Review of functional ability and level of safety
- A written screening checklist/schedule for the next 5 to 10 years as appropriate
- Personalized health advice and referrals to health, education and/or preventative counseling services or programs as needed.

If you have been on Medicare insurance for less than 12 months, you are allowed a one-time



Welcome to Medicare (IPPE) exam before you would qualify for the AWW. The IPPE exam is a more comprehensive visit and includes several types of tests. If it has been over a year since you have been on Medicare, you qualify for the AWW (the IPPE exam is only available in the first year you are on Medicare—see page 39 in your Medicare handbook).

The AWW is not an annual physical. You will need to schedule a physical at a different time with your primary care doctor. At your annual physical, your primary care physician will do a complete physical examination, review and discuss chronic conditions or illnesses, and renew medications. The annual physical is still considered a non-covered service by Medicare and you will be responsible for any balance remaining after all your insurances have been filed.

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