

National Provider Call on “The ABCs of the Initial Preventive Physical Examination and Annual Wellness Visit”

Thu July 21, 1:30-3pm ET

Beginning in 2005, Medicare covers an Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), commonly known as the "Welcome to Medicare" Visit (WMV); it is provided as a one-time service to newly-enrolled beneficiaries. The IPPE is an introduction to Medicare and covered benefits, with a focus on health promotion and disease detection. Beginning on Sat Jan 1, 2011, the *Affordable Care Act* allows for coverage of critical new benefits for people with Medicare, including the addition of a free Annual Wellness Visit (AWV). This expanded coverage allows physicians to provide Personalized Prevention Plan Services that consider both age-appropriate preventive services available to all Medicare beneficiaries and additional services that may be appropriate to the patient’s individual needs.

CMS will host a national provider call on “The ABCs of the Initial Preventive Physical Examination and Annual Wellness Visit.” Subject matter experts will discuss basic information about each benefit, when to perform these services, and coding and billing requirements; a question and answer session will follow the presentations. The target audience for this call includes Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, health educators, registered dietitians, nutrition professionals, medical billers and coders, and other interested healthcare professionals.

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. *Registration will close at 1:30pm on Wed July 20* or when available space has been filled; no exceptions will be made, so please register early. For more details, including *instructions on registering for the call*, please visit <http://www.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/072111>.

For more information on the IPPE and AWV, as well as other Medicare-covered Preventive Services, visit the following Medicare Learning Network resources:

- Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination – http://www.CMS.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QRI_IPPE001a.pdf
- Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Annual Wellness Visit – http://www.CMS.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/AWV_Chart_ICN905706.pdf

The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services –

http://www.CMS.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf