



Medicare and Medicare Advantage Physical Exams

Dear Patient,

Wellness and proactive health management is our collective goal and patient care philosophy. Your health and wellbeing are very important to us. You may not be aware that Medicare does not cover all the costs associated with a complete physical exam. Medicare only covers what they call an "Initial Preventative Physical Exam (IPPE)" and an "Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)."

An Initial Preventative Physical Exam (IPPE) is only covered **once** during the first year of your enrollment of Medicare B benefits. An IPPE includes an EKG, a depression check, height and weight check, and obtaining a medical history.

An "Annual Wellness Visit" (AWV) only includes a weight and height check, a blood pressure check, and a depression screening. Please note neither the IPPE nor an AWV is a complete physical, nor do they include clinical laboratory tests or services.

To efficiently examine our patients and screen for potential problems, our physicians at Piedmont Internal Medicine encourage all of our patients to schedule an annual physical to ensure all appropriate screening tests are performed.

A full physical includes **ALL** services for both an AWV and IPPE, in-depth physical examination, review of medical history, review of medications, and maintenance medication refills. In addition to your exam, your physician will order relevant laboratory tests.

Traditional Medicare - Please note Medicare **DOES NOT** pay for a complete physical, nor laboratory tests associated with a "Well Visit."

- **The fee for a complete physical is \$325.00 and is NOT covered or reimbursed by Medicare.** The fee will be collected on the day of your physical upon check-in. In addition, you may also receive a bill from the company that performs our laboratory services.

Medicare Advantage Plans – Effective January 1, 2019, Piedmont Internal Medicine is no longer a participating provider with any of these plans (thus not in-network).

- **Effective immediately, we will continue to see those patients for an upfront fee of \$325.00 on the day of your physical upon check-in** due to recent changes within our practice.

Thank you for understanding, and if there are any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to ensure our patients have a complete understanding of the services provided and the fees charged.

Thank you,
Piedmont Internal Medicine Physicians

Patient Acknowledgement

I have read and understood the statement above.

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____