

SAMPLE Patient Letter Regarding AWV



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Dear Patient,

You have been selected by your primary care provider (or insert the physician's name) to schedule an Annual Wellness Visit ("AWV") at Practice Name. Medicare requires specific services to be performed at this visit.

As of January 1, 2011, as a Medicare beneficiary, you can get a yearly "wellness" visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors.

This service includes the following:

- Review of medical and family history
- Review of current providers and prescriptions
- Height, weight, blood pressure, and other routine measurements
- A screening schedule for appropriate preventive services will be developed
- Risk factors and treatment options will be reviewed and recommended

Coverage for the AWV is provided as a Medicare Part B benefit, and both the coinsurance or co-payment and the deductible are waived for the AWV. The AWV does not include any clinical laboratory tests, but the provider may want to make referrals for such tests as part of the AWV. The yearly "wellness" visit is covered once every 12 months. This visit is a preventive wellness visit and not a "routine physical checkup" that some seniors may receive every year or two.

Attached with this letter is a packet of documents that need to be completed before you schedule your AWV. Once you have completed the packet you may call Office Phone Number to make your AWV appointment. Be sure to specifically inform the scheduling representative that you wish to schedule your AWV.

You should plan on this visit requiring at least 20 minutes to complete, perhaps a bit longer if your provider is addressing additional specific medical concerns.

Thanks in advance for completing these documents and scheduling your AWV.

Practice Name