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Medicare Preventive Services

Medicare expanded coverage to allow payment for an annual wellness visit (AWV) effective January 1, 2011 (subject to certain eligibility and other limitations). Part B deductibles and Medicare coinsurance will not apply to the AWV.

The implementation instructions, including definition of services and new billing codes, can be found on the CMS transmittal, [Annual Wellness Visit, Including Personalized Preventive Plan Services](#).

PAs may provide Medicare Preventive Services, including the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (aka "Welcome to Medicare" exam) and the Annual Wellness Visit. There are many rules, requirements, limitations and screening schedules for these services.

The Medicare Learning Network has released three new Quick Reference charts to help navigate the Medicare Preventive Services and Annual Wellness Visit benefit.

- [The ABCs of Providing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination](#)
- [The ABCs of Providing the Annual Wellness Visit](#)
- [Medicare Preventive Services](#)

The Medicare Learning Network has also released an article to explain how RHCs should bill for certain preventive services under the Affordable Care Act.

- [Rural Health Clinics \(RHCs\) and Federally Qualified Health Centers \(FQHCs\) Billing Guide](#)

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