

Family Practice Specialists, S.C.
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Dear Medicare Patient:

Recently, you may have heard about the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit, and we here at Family Practice Specialist are ready to help and assist you with this. The Annual Wellness Visit is a visit that is intended to help lower your risk of illness or injury. As a Medicare patient, you are aware that Medicare does not pay for a traditional head-to-toe physical. In the annual Wellness Visit, we are trying to identify health risks and concerns and help you reduce them.

At your Wellness Visit, our Nurse/Med Technician, will take a complete health history and provide several other services:

- ✓ A limited physical exam to check your blood pressure, height, weight, vision and other things depending on your age, gender and level of activity.
- ✓ Screenings to detect depression, risk for fall and other safety related issues.
- ✓ Recommendations for other wellness services and healthy lifestyle changes.

We advise you to bring several items with you to the Wellness Visit

- ✓ Bring all bottles of medications, vitamins and supplements, including those from any other physicians-optometrist/ophthalmologist, podiatrist, chiropractor, Veterans Physician, etc.
- ✓ A list of current treating physicians, including optometrist/ophthalmologist, podiatrist, chiropractor, dentist and specialty physicians.
- ✓ A list of surgeries, procedures and hospitalizations that have occurred in the past 10 years.
- ✓ A list of immunizations (including where) that have been received in the past 10 years.
- ✓ Copies of Advanced Directives, such as Power of Attorney for Healthcare, Living Will, etc., if you would like us to have a copy in your record.

Please be advised that the Wellness Visit does not deal with new or existing health problems. This would be a separate service and requires a different appointment with Dr. Ferolo. Please let a member of our team know if you need the Provider's help with health problems, as we may need to schedule a separate appointment. A separate charge would be applied to those services. Annual Wellness Visits are at no charge to the Medicare patient.

We want you to get the most from your Medicare Wellness benefit, so call and schedule an appointment today.

Sincerely,

Family Practice Specialist.