

4 key facts about Annual Wellness Visits

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Great primary care is the first line of defense in keeping Medicare patients healthy. One of the best ways to maintain that level of care is through Medicare Annual Wellness Visits (AWVs). These visits help doctors stay on top of their patients' needs, strengthen the doctor-patient connection and boost revenue for practices, clinics, and community health centers (CHCs).

Here's four facts you should know:



Promoting proactive care

AWVs shift the patient-physician relationship from reactive to proactive, allowing for comprehensive discussions on preventive care, health risks and long-term wellness strategies that patients might not bring up otherwise.



Benefits practices & patients

AWVs are fully covered by Medicare when performed as standalone visits, encouraging patient participation. Practices benefit from enhanced reimbursement rates and increased opportunities for shared savings due to improved patient outcomes.



Improving outcomes, lowering costs

Patients who receive AWVs experience better health outcomes, with higher screening rates for conditions like fall risk, depression, cancer, and tobacco use. AWVs are also associated with reduced annual healthcare costs—**5.7% for average/low-risk patients and 6.3% for high-risk patients.***



Requiring a team-based approach

Successful AWVs rely on collaboration among clinical staff, support teams and physicians. Pre-visit planning, daily care team meetings and proper documentation in EHRs ensure efficient workflows, accurate diagnosis coding and comprehensive patient care.

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“One huge advantage of participating in an Aledade ACO and earning shared savings has been that we are able to spend more time with our sickest patients. By reducing the number of patient visits per hour, our sickest and most complicated patients get comprehensive care with every visit.”

- Christine Meyer, MD

Maximize the Power of AWVs

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