The Welcome to Medicare Visit
What you May Expect

The Welcome to Medicare Visit is a benefit for Medicare patients in their first 12 months of Medicare enrollment. The goal of this preventive visit is to review your medical history and risk factors and help you become acquainted with your Medicare preventive and wellness benefits. Medicare waives your deductible and coinsurance for this visit so there is no cost to you for this specific visit.

The Welcome to Medicare Visit is not a yearly physical exam and does not cover evaluation or management of any medical conditions. This service, if performed, will involve extra charges.

What can I expect during this visit?

During this visit, your nurse and provider will:

- Review your medical and social history, including a review of your current medications and supplements, tobacco, alcohol and other drug use, diet, physical activity and other potential risk factors.
- Review your potential (risk factors) for depression or other mood disorders.
- Review your functional ability and level of safety including hearing impairment, activities of daily living, fall risk and home safety.
- Obtain medical data including height, weight, blood pressure, visual acuity, and BMI.
- Discuss advance directives with you if you choose.
- Offer education and counseling to you based on this initial assessment.

At the completion of the visit, you will receive a written preventive plan, listing the preventive tests and future visits your provider recommends for you.

Will my provider perform my annual physical during this visit?

Your doctor may perform additional evaluative services during this visit. However, this will depend on your assessment and the time needed for your best care. If you need additional evaluation services that cannot be addressed during your Welcome to Medicare visit, we will schedule an appointment for you.

If I have another medical problem will my provider address the issue during this visit?

We realize that sometimes medical concerns like a cold, injury, skin condition or other acute problem may arise after you schedule your preventive visit. The provider may address such concerns only if time allows during the preventive visit. If there is not enough time, we will gladly make you an appointment to address the additional problem.

Will my provider order diagnostic tests and lab work?

Your provider may order diagnostic tests and lab work as a result of your preventive visit. Medicare waives your deductible and coinsurance for some preventive testing. For other tests you may have deductibles and coinsurance.