

## Implementing the Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)

The AWV provides preventive and wellness services to help people stay healthy, avoid or delay the onset of disease and lead productive lives.

### Suggestion for Workflow

#### 1. Scheduler

- Verify eligibility:
  - [ ] Enrolled in Medicare for over 12 months
  - [ ] Subsequent AWV, if more than 365 days since initial AWV
- Provide patient education on the “right” type of appointment to schedule:
  - Welcome to Medicare Visit (first 12 months of coverage)
  - AWV (yearly, recurring benefit after first 12 months of coverage)
  - Sick visit/follow up
- Decide if you will send the [Health Risk Assessment](#) (HRA) to the patient’s home in advance of the AWV or if you will ask patients to arrive early to complete the paperwork. You can choose the [2-page HRA](#) or the [large-font HRA](#) available in the AWV Toolkit

**NOTE: The following components must be completed in order to bill for this visit:**

#### 2. Ask the Patient to:

- Update medical and family history, current medical problems and surgeries
- Bring a list of current medical providers and suppliers
- Bring a list of all prescribed and over-the-counter medications, vitamins and supplements with dosages
- Bring HRA survey or fill out in office prior to the appointment

#### 3. Nurse/Medical Assistant

- Measure height, weight, BMI, BP and other routine measurements
- Fill out the [Medicare Covered Preventive Screenings and Services](#) form
- Flag concerns/questions for provider

#### 4. Provider

Review Health Risk Assessment and address related concerns.

If additional screening is necessary, consider using the tools listed in the box to the right

- \* Review the [Medicare Covered Preventive Screenings](#)
- \* Complete the AWV Results and Follow-Up form (including referrals if appropriate)
- \* Complete a written [Action Plan](#) with the Patient

CONCERN	TOOL
Cognition	<a href="#">Document Link</a>
Depression	<a href="#">Document Link</a>
Fall risk	<a href="#">Document Link</a>
Functional Status	<a href="#">Document Link</a>
Hearing	<a href="#">Document Link</a>
Home safety	<a href="#">Document Link</a>

#### 5. Billing

- Initial Annual Wellness Visit G0438 (Dx V70.0)
- Subsequent Annual Wellness Visit G0439

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