

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SERVICE (Well Visit or Routine Exam)

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Through your insurance, you may be entitled to a Preventive Medicine examination on an annual, semi-annual or other basis. This is not necessarily the same as what is traditionally called an Annual Physical. The intent of a Preventive Medicine examination (also called a Well Visit or Routine Exam) is to do a general examination, review health goals and habits and order screening tests for a limited number of medical conditions. It does not include assessment and management of significant acute or chronic medical problems, such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension, behavioral problems and depression, pain, acne or injuries, or any other significant problem that happens to coincide with the annual visit.

In order to offer a comprehensive evaluation and at the same time maximize your insurance reimbursement, our physicians will provide both preventive and diagnostic services, as appropriate. Most preventive services will be covered at 100%. Most problem-oriented services will be subject to a deductible and coinsurance. If both types of services are offered, two office visit charges will be billed with the appropriate modifier to indicate that preventive as well as significant medical issues were covered. EKGs and lab tests will be billed as preventive services if they are performed for screening purposes. Some lab tests are not considered screening tests, and therefore will be billed with the applicable medical diagnoses.

We believe this explanation accurately describes the variety of services you will be receiving as they relate to insurance benefit guidelines. The physician assigns codes according to the services he/she provides. Thank you for understanding our need to bill appropriately for the services provided at the highest level of medical care while remaining sensitive to your insurance coverage.