

**Register Now for “The ABCs of the Initial Preventive Physical Examination and Annual Wellness Visit”
National Provider Call**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a national provider call on “**The ABCs of the Initial Preventive Physical Examination and Annual Wellness Visit**”. Subject matter experts will discuss basic information about each benefit, when to perform these services, as well as coding and billing requirements. A question and answer session will follow the presentations.

When: Thursday July 21, 2011

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm ET

Target Audience: Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, health educators, registered dietitians, nutrition professionals, medical billers and coders and other interested health care professionals.

Registration information: Please visit <http://www.eventsvc.com/palmettogba/072111> to register for this informative session. Registration will close at 1:30 pm ET on July 20, 2011, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made. Please register early.

Background Information on the IPPE and AWW

Starting in 2005, Medicare covers an Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE), commonly known as the "Welcome to Medicare" Visit (WMV); it is provided as a one-time service to newly enrolled beneficiaries. The IPPE is an introduction to Medicare and covered benefits, with a focus on health promotion and disease detection.

Beginning on January 1, 2011, the Affordable Care Act allows for coverage of critical new benefits for people with Medicare, including the addition of a free Annual Wellness Visit (AWV). This expanded coverage allows physicians to provide Personalized Prevention Plan Services that consider both age-appropriate preventive services available to all Medicare beneficiaries and additional services that may be appropriate to the patient’s individual needs.

For more information on the IPPE and AWW, as well as other Medicare-covered Preventive Services, visit the following Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) resources:

Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination

http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QRI_IPPE001a.pdf

Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Annual Wellness Visit

http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/AWV_Chart_ICN905706.pdf

The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services

http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf