AWV, IPPE, AND ROUTINE PHYSICAL – KNOW THE DIFFERENCES

EDUCATIONAL TOOL

Target Audience:
Medicare Fee-For-Service Providers

Initial

Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE)
Review of medical and social health history, and preventive services education

✔ Covered only once, within 12 months of Part B enrollment
✔ Patient pays nothing (if provider accepts assignment)

Annual

Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)
Visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan, and perform a health risk assessment

✔ Covered once every 12 months
✔ Patient pays nothing (if provider accepts assignment)

Routine

Routine Physical Examination
(See Section 90)
Exam performed without relationship to treatment or diagnosis for a specific illness, symptom, complaint, or injury

✔ Not covered by Medicare; prohibited by statute
✔ Patient pays 100% out-of-pocket

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