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### A WORD TO OUR PATIENTS ABOUT MEDICARE AND WELLNESS CARE

Dear Patient,

We want you to receive wellness care (preventive health care aimed to lower your risk of injury and/or illness). Medicare pays for some wellness care, but it does not pay for all the wellness care you might need or want. We want you to know about your Medicare benefits and how we can help you get the most from them.

The term "physical" is often used to describe wellness care. Medicare does not pay for a traditional, head-to-toe physical. Medicare does pay for a wellness visit once every year to identify health risks and help you reduce them. At your wellness visit, our health care team will take a complete health history and provide several services including:

- Screening to detect depression, risk for falling, and other potential dangers and problems.
- A limited physical exam to check your blood pressure, weight, vision, and other things depending on your age, gender, and level of activity.
- Recommendations for healthy lifestyle changes and other services such as a hearing test, immunizations, lab test (s), etc, depending on your age and other medical problems. (\*These services are usually not included in your wellness visit and are charged for separately).

Please let our staff know when scheduling your wellness visit if you need to discuss a specific health problem, need a referral, refill on medication, etc. We may need to schedule a different or longer appointment. We understand that during your wellness visit, an existing medical condition may be discussed, evaluated, and/or treated by our doctors (including prescriptions, referrals, etc.). Additionally, during the course of your wellness visit, a new medical condition may be discovered and treated. It is important for you to understand that a wellness visit only covers preventive services. Any medical condition/issue discussed and/ or treated will generate a separate charge. Any additional procedure, service, etc. will also generate a separate charge. Your Medicare benefits are different for your office visits, labs, tests, etc. than they are for your wellness visit (such as deductible, coinsurance, non-coverage, etc.). *If you have any questions regarding billing or what may be considered preventive versus a separate service, please contact our billing department prior to your visit.*

**I understand and accept that Medicare will be billed my wellness visit as well as for any separate services and I understand that Medicare will apply my standard benefits including any applicable deductible, co-insurance, etc. per my Medicare contract. I wish to proceed and receive these services and accept responsibility for any balance due for these services.**

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date