

Know the differences: Medicare coverage of exams

‘Welcome to Medicare’ visit

When you enroll in Medicare Part B, you will be able to schedule one “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit within the first 12 months of your Part B enrollment.

Includes:

- A review of your medical history
- Height, weight, blood pressure and body mass index (BMI) measurements
- A basic vision test
- A review of your risk for depression, falls and other safety issues
- Recommendations for preventive services, health screenings, such as mammograms and immunizations, such as the pneumonia vaccine
- Referrals for additional care if needed

Costs:

- Medicare covers the cost of one Welcome to Medicare visit.
- If your doctor recommends additional tests that are not covered in this exam, you may have to pay for all or part of them yourself.

Annual wellness visit

After you’ve been enrolled in Medicare Part B for at least 12 months, you’re entitled to one yearly Medicare wellness visit with your primary care provider.

Includes:

- Review and update your personal prevention plan, including health screenings
- Assess your health risks
- Review your current medications
- Take your height, weight, blood pressure and other routine measurements

Costs:

- Medicare covers the cost of one wellness visit every year.
- If your doctor recommends additional tests that are not covered in this exam, you may have to pay for all or part of them yourself.

Note: Your first annual wellness visit can’t take place within 12 months of your “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit.

