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BILLING THE INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (IPPE) & ANNUAL WELLNESS VISITS (AWVs) FOR MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PATIENTS FAQs NOW AVAILABLE

As part of their benefits, patients with Medicare Advantage coverage are eligible to receive an initial preventive physical examination (IPPE), or “Welcome to Medicare” visit, and Annual Wellness Visits (AWVs).

Correct billing for these and all services ensures that providers are accurately reimbursed for the care they deliver, and that patients are accurately billed for the care they receive. It’s important to follow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rules for billing for these visits so that your patients don’t receive unexpected bills.

We’ve recently created some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about billing for IPPEs and AWVs and made them available under the **Provider Training** section of the Provider Resource Center.

To review these FAQs, click the **PROVIDER TRAINING** tab at the left on the homepage, click the **Provider Training** link, and click the **Billing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) & Annual Wellness Visits (AWVs) for Medicare Advantage Patients FAQs** link under **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE TRAINING AND DOCUMENTATION**.