



Explanation About Your Preventive Visit

Thank you for coming in for your **Preventive Exam** visit. A **Preventive Exam** visit is a specific type of appointment to address preventive and screening care depending on age and gender. Examples include discussion of vaccines, mammograms, Pap smears, colonoscopies, birth control, and screening laboratory tests.

Please note, this is a distinct visit and involves different billing requirements from a **Problem-Oriented** visit, which includes the diagnosis, management, and treatment of new, ongoing, or active problems. Examples include colds, injuries, infections, diabetes, hypertension, pain, insomnia and depression.

It would be appropriate to bill Medicare and insurance companies for all services provided even if they are performed during the same visit. **This may mean that at the time of your Preventive Visit, if discussion and management of problems occur, you may be charged a co-pay for the problem-oriented part of your visit, as well as be subject to payments for your deductible.** We do not have the option of writing off the copayment as we are contractually and legally obligated by Medicare or your insurance company to bill and collect the fees. Additionally, if lab services are provided they will bill your insurance. If the lab services are found to be related to a medical condition, you may receive a lab bill as it will be considered non-preventive.

We try to avoid this complication by scheduling preventive visits when your health problems are under control and/or have been recently addressed. However, frequently problem discussions arise during preventive visits and if time allows, we are happy to address them. In those cases, we are required to bill both services.

I understand I will be billed if a problem-oriented conditions are addressed at my Preventive visits.

Sincerely,

Your Healthcare Team

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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