

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PATIENTS PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Routine annual physical examinations are considered preventive medicine evaluations.

Many insurance companies consider “*routine physical examinations*” or “*preventive medicine exams*” to be non-covered services depending on your particular coverage. There may or may not be a copay, deductible or coinsurance amount you have to pay. **Therefore, we highly encourage that you contact your insurance carrier directly regarding your coverage for routine physical exams. This will help you understand if the service will be covered or an out of pocket expense.**

We are required to report and bill physical exams as “*preventive health maintenance exams,*” and indicate the diagnosis as a “*routine general medical examination,*” **not a new or recurring medical problem.**

Our billing department bills exactly what your doctor has reported for the visit and may not change the codes after reporting them to your insurance company. They must reflect the services you received during your visit today.

If you have Medicare coverage and would like the above service; a Welcome to Medicare Exam or Annual Wellness Visit (free), please speak with a knowledgeable member of our staff for additional information we have available for Medicare covered preventive services. **Traditional Medicare does not cover a routine physical.**

It is highly recommended that you discuss this letter in the exam room with your doctor, to avoid a bill for charges you were not expecting.