

PFAC

(Patient and Family Advisory Council)

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Welcome PFAC

Patient and Family Advisory Council

On August 2, 2018 Haller & Hug, PC had our third PFAC meeting for obtaining input and guidance on how to improve the patient and family experience. This newsletter will serve as a way for us to communicate the outcomes of these meetings. This newsletter can be found here in the office and will be posted on our website @ hallerandhug.com

Medicare Wellness Visit

The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a yearly appointment with your primary care provider (PCP) to create or update a personalized prevention plan. This plan may help prevent illness based on your current health and risk factors. Keep in mind that the AWV is not a head-to-toe physical.

Purpose of Medicare Wellness Visit

- ⊗ **Health Risk Assessment/HRA**
- ⊗ **Review risk factors for depression**
- ⊗ **Medical/Family History**
- ⊗ **List all Current Providers/Suppliers**
- ⊗ **Review Functional Ability**
- ⊗ **Level of Safety**
- ⊗ **Cognitive function**
- ⊗ **Written Screening Schedule**

Our next PFAC meeting will be December 13, 2018 and we welcome any suggestions. Please use the form below to submit a request for a topic of discussion at the next meeting. Please keep in mind you may be asked to come and present your idea to the council for review and discussion.

Agenda Request

(tear off and return to the office)

Presenter:

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Phone #:

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Short Summary of the Subject:

What are we working on?

- ⊗ Building a HRA that is useful and easy to understand
- ⊗ Educating Patients on the changes required to meet Medicare standards
- ⊗ Establishing care protocols for mental health, fall risk, and general health assessments

Here is a sample of the new letter patients will be receiving with their Medicare Wellness packets. Please feel free to share your feedback with us.

A WORD TO OUR PATIENTS ABOUT MEDICARE AND WELLNESS CARE

Dear Patient,

We want you to receive wellness care – health care that may lower your risk of illness or injury. Medicare pays for most wellness care, but it does not pay for all the wellness care you might need. 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. But Medicare does not pay for a traditional, head-to-toe physical. Medicare does pay for a wellness visit once a year to identify health risks and help you to reduce them. At your wellness visit, our health care team will take a complete health history and provide several other services:

- Screenings to detect depression, risk for falling and other 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 other wellness services and healthy lifestyle changes,
- Discuss Medicare-covered services that allow our care team to more closely monitor your health conditions and update your plan of care before office visits.

Before your appointment, our staff will ask you some questions about your health and may ask you to fill out a form to help identify your health risks.

A wellness visit does not deal with new or existing health problems. That would be a separate service and requires a longer appointment. Please let our scheduling staff know if you need the doctor’s help with a health problem, a medication refill or something else. We may need to schedule a separate appointment to address problems. A separate charge applies to these services, whether provided on the same date or a different date than the wellness visit.

What If you still want a “Physical”? This would most likely be a separate visit scheduled on a different date and would occur a separate charge.

We hope to help you get the most from your Medicare wellness benefits. Please contact us with any questions

Sincerely,

Haller & Hug, PC