# **Understanding Your Medicare Visits**

### Welcome to Medicare Initial Preventative Physical Exam (IPPE)

(Your Medicare deductible is waived for this visit)

Cost: FREE

**Coverage:** Once per lifetime

 When it occurs within 12 months of the effective date of your initial Medicare Part B coverage.

#### Purpose:

 A review of your health, education and counseling about preventative services, and referrals for other care if needed.

#### Performed by:

 Physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner

#### Please note:

- When making your appointment, please let us know that you would like to schedule your "Welcome to Medicare physical exam".
- You may be billed and responsible for copay if treating an illness (acute or chronic) or injury in the same visit.
- Medications are not refilled or prescribed in this exam.

# **NEW!**Annual Wellness Visit

(Your Medicare deductible is waived for this visit)

Cost: FREE

**Coverage:** Annually

- When it occurs at least 12 months after you received an Initial Preventative Physical Exam
- When you have been covered by Medicare Part B for more than 12 months starting January 1, 2011.

#### **Purpose:**

- To develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors.
- <u>Click here</u> to see what will be discussed/ reviewed with you in this visit

#### Performed by:

• Registered Nurse (RN)

#### Please note:

- When making your appointment, please let us know that you would like to schedule your "Yearly Wellness Visit".
- You may be billed and responsible for copay if treating an illness (acute or chronic) or injury in the same visit.
- Medications are not refilled or prescribed in this exam.

### **Annual Physical Exam**

Cost: Co-Pay

Coverage: Annually

 You will be billed and responsible for 20% of the Medicare approved amount and the Part B deductible applies.

#### **Purpose:**

- For medically necessary services including evaluation and management of an illness (acute or chronic) or injury.
- · Medication management.

#### Performed by:

 Physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner

#### Please note:

- For the most up-to-date Medicare plan coverage, please visit <u>www.medicare.gov</u>
- Medications may be refilled or prescribed in this exam.