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Dear Patient,

The UAB Huntsville Family Medicine Center is offering Welcome to Medicare Preventive Visits (within the first 12 months of having Medicare Part B) and Annual Wellness Visits (after the first 12 months of having Medicare Part B) to our patients with Medicare Part B. Medicare pays for some wellness care, but it does not pay for all the wellness care you might need. Medicare also pays for some wellness care that you may not need or want. These Medicare Wellness Visits are sometimes called free visits because you do not pay a copay for the visit.

Your Wellness Visit will not deal with new or old health problems or medication refills. The visit will **only** be about preventive care, screening for health risks, and helping you to reduce those risks. It is not a physical exam. Medicare does not pay for a head-to-toe physical. There is no evidence to support the benefit of a routine head-to-toe physical for adults.

If you decide to have a Welcome to Medicare or Annual Wellness Visit with your doctor, you need to mention this to the appointment scheduler so we are prepared for your visit. When you arrive for your visit, you will complete a questionnaire called a Health Risk Assessment. This will take some time so you need to arrive **NO LESS** than 15 minutes before your appointment time. If you have trouble with paperwork, please arrive earlier. You may also visit our website at www.uabhuntsville.com and print the Health Risk Assessment from the Patient Resources tab.

It is very important to bring all your medicine bottles with you, including any over the counter medicines or supplements. Also bring a copy of your Healthcare Power of Attorney, Living Will, and Advance Directive.

On the day of your visit, if you need to see your doctor about a health problem or a prescription refill, please mention this to the receptionist when you sign in. We will reschedule your Wellness Visit for another day.

We look forward to helping you understand your Medicare Part B wellness benefits and discussing your health risks and preventive care.

Sincerely,

UAB Huntsville Family Medicine Center Physicians
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