**Medicare Wellness Visit Letter to Patients with Medicare and Medicare Advantage**

**(use practice letterhead)**

Dear **\_\_\_\_\_**

This is to confirm your appointment with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We are pleased to offer this Medicare **free** benefit called the Medicare Wellness Visit. This is a yearly visit with your provider to make a plan for how to stay healthy and well.

**What happens during the Medicare Wellness Visit**?

* During this visit your healthcare team will talk with you about your medical history, your current health, and your risk for certain illnesses and injuries.
* We might refer you for screenings or services after the visit.
* At the end of your appointment you will receive a personal prevention plan to help you stay healthy.

**Who pays for it?**

* Medicare will pay for the Medicare Wellness Visit so you will have no out of pocket expense.
* If you get additional tests or services during the same visit that aren’t covered under these preventive benefits, copay and deductible may apply.
* Most Medicare Advantage Plans will cover a physical and Medicare Wellness Visit provided on the same day.

**How is the Medicare Wellness Visit different from other visits?**

* This is not the same as a physical exam. You may or may not get screenings or blood tests during this visit.
* Medicare Part B does not cover physical exams. If you are interested in receiving a physical exam please contact the office. Deductible and co-insurance may apply.
* If you are not feeling well or are concerned about a medical problem, please schedule a sick visit to discuss this. If this is addressed at the time of your Medicare Wellness Visit, you may have to pay a deductible or coinsurance for that portion of the visit.

**How can I get more information about how these services are billed?**

* For more information about what services are covered please call our office at xxx.xxx.xxxx.

***Please complete all the forms in this packet and bring them to your visit. We look forward to working with you to make a plan to help you stay well.***