

**LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL PHYSICAL AND INSURANCE BENEFITS**

PATIENT NAME IN FULL		PROVIDER
DATE OF BIRTH	MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER	

We physicians and providers at Warren Clinic want to provide you with the services you need while helping assure smooth processing of your claims by your health plan.

Many insurance plans now offer payment for certain preventive services that may not have been covered in the past. Please help us understand the reason you are having your checkup or annual physical today so that we may be most accurate in preparing the claim for your insurance company. Choose one of the following as the primary reason for your visit today:

**Preventative examination**

A preventative examination, also called a wellness exam or a routine annual physical, is done to promote health and to prevent illness. This service focuses on checking you for health conditions you may be unaware of, risk factors for conditions that could develop in the future, as well as the need for counseling, guidance or immunizations to prevent future illness. (The need for immunizations and laboratory tests is based on guidelines appropriate for your age and gender.)

A preventative examination is not primarily intended for the evaluation and management of known medical conditions, ongoing chronic conditions, or to prevent complications from ongoing known chronic conditions.

**Evaluation and management examination**

An evaluation and management examination checks up on existing medical problems to help assure you are under appropriate treatment, and are being appropriately monitored with necessary laboratory tests, x-rays, etc. This type of examination is also appropriate when you come in with new or existing symptoms that may indicate the presence of sickness or illness, and when your examination focuses on managing treatment such as prescription medications and so forth. Basically, "wellness" benefits usually don't pay for illness.

An evaluation and management examination is not intended for a well person who seeks to stay well.

Sometimes it may be difficult to choose between the two types of examination, especially if you have an ongoing medical problem but wish to have a wellness examination to promote health. Your doctor may perform a preventative examination, and also work with you on a symptom or ongoing medical condition. In that case, some insurance companies will only cover the wellness examination under your preventative services benefits. The other services may be covered by the regular part of your benefits and may be subject to your deductible.

There are hundreds and hundreds of different insurance policies in Oklahoma. Because of the many differences among policies, we can't advise you about your particular policy. There's usually a phone number on the back of your card that you can call to learn about your benefits.

We will file your claim but we need you to understand that **once the claim is filed, we cannot make any changes to it.** If you believe there is an error in filing your claim, please mail us a letter outlining your concerns and we will do our best to address them.

Please complete this form to indicate your understanding of these insurance benefits concerns and to accept financial responsibility for services not covered by your particular plan.

PATIENT SIGNATURE	DATE
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