

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR "ANNUAL EXAM" WHEN YOU HAVE MEDICARE

Medicare has special rules about what they do and don't pay for regarding your routine gynecologic exams. Understanding this can be a time consuming and somewhat confusing task. We have put together this information to help you understand the payment rules, and assist you in making a choice about what services you would like us to provide.

A BREAST, PAP, AND PELVIC EXAM includes just a breast exam, a pelvic exam, and a pap if appropriate. Medicare pays for this service only every 2 years.

A complete ANNUAL EXAM includes an age appropriate physical exam (check blood pressure, body mass index, heart, lungs, thyroid, lymph nodes, internal abdominal organs, breast exam, pelvic exam, pap smear if appropriate). In addition we review your past medical and surgical history, family history, medications, allergies, and social history. We review past screening tests (mammograms, colonoscopies, labwork, bone densities, etc) and make recommendations and referrals for these as necessary.

MEDICARE NEVER PAYS FOR ANYTHING BEYOND THE BREAST, PAP, AND PELVIC EXAM EVERY 2 YEARS. If you want to come yearly, or have more than the Breast/Pap/Pelvic exam done, you will responsible for payment. Co-pays, deductibles and laboratory charges also are your responsibility. Your cost depends on two things: what you have done this year AND what Medicare paid for last year.

IF MEDICARE PAID FOR A GYN EXAM LAST YEAR

- Breast, pap and pelvic exam this year will be ~ \$ 155
- Annual exam this year will be ~ \$230 – \$250

IF MEDICARE DID NOT PAY FOR A GYN EXAM LAST YEAR

- Breast, pap, and pelvic exam this year will be no charge, except copays and deductibles
- Annual exam this year will be ~\$75 - \$95, plus any copays and deductibles

Please feel free to speak to a helpful member of our Billing Department should you require additional information.

Thank you for becoming a partner with Alliance Obstetrics and Gynecology