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To Our Patients,

We would like to inform you of our updated policy regarding annual physical exams (including Medicare Wellness exams) and concurrent discussion of either chronic problems or new problems.

An annual wellness visit entails a discussion of general health, well-being, nutrition and exercise. It also includes a review of health maintenance such as labs, mammogram, colon cancer screening, bone density and immunizations.

Annual wellness exams DO NOT include a discussion of a new problem, discussion of chronic medical problems or a change in condition of a chronic problem. Discussion of these other problems requires diagnosis codes and this will be billed in addition to the annual physical exam code. This is compliant with standard insurance and billing practices.

You, the patient, have the choice at the time of the physical to let us know how you would like us to proceed with the visit. We can do both as we are able for your convenience but you may have a copay or additional cost for these diagnostic services. As an alternative, you may schedule a separate problem oriented visit to review all of your medical problems.

As an independent medical practice, we do not receive subsidies from any institution to support our practice and rely solely upon our billing and insurance contracts. These policy updates are necessary to keep us open and operating in this everchanging landscape of medicine in our country and are consistent with other primary care offices in the area (including pediatrics and OB/GYN).

We greatly appreciate your understanding.

Regards,
Family Practice Associates of Upper Dublin

I acknowledge I have received this update.

Name (Printed)

Signature of Patient or Guardian

Date