



Dear Patient,

As a patient of Chickahominy Family Physicians, your health is our top priority. In addition to treating both acute and chronic medical conditions, we also focus on working together with our patients to promote wellness and disease prevention. Our Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and office staff work together as a team to provide the best care to you and your family.

**Beginning in 2025, Chickahominy Family Physicians is making two significant changes to our practice policies for Medicare patients: requiring all patients to complete an Annual Wellness Visit every year, and requiring that all Medicare patients have at least one appointment every calendar year with a physician.**

We are making these changes for the following reasons:

- Enhance preventative care and focus on your overall well-being
- Ensure we perform all screenings annually as recommended by Medicare
- Ensure we comply with Medicare attribution requirements by having patients see a physician at least once every 12 months.

The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is focused on health, wellness, and preventative care. This visit can help you learn what you can do to stay healthy and prevent common diseases such as heart conditions, cancer, diabetes, and others. Medicare expects us to provide this service to all beneficiaries and encourages patients to participate by providing the AWV at no out-of-pocket cost to you. However, if your provider evaluates other complaints or addresses your other medical problems, there may be a separate office visit charge with your AWV. We offer Annual Wellness Visits both as an add-on to your follow-up visit for your chronic conditions, or you may contact the office to schedule a stand-alone AWV appointment.

Medicare requires patients to see a physician at our practice at least once every 12 months. This allows Medicare to properly attribute Chickahominy Family Physicians as your primary care provider. Having all the patients we care for properly attributed to our practice is an important component of our practice continuing to provide quality care. At CFP, we recognize Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants as essential members of your primary care team, and we encourage you to continue seeing your preferred provider once you have met the annual physician visit requirement.

We appreciate your understanding with these changes and encourage you to reach out to our office if you have questions or concerns. We place an extraordinary value on the trust you place in our staff and assure you that these changes are being made as part of our deep commitment to providing the best care for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Your Primary Care Providers at Chickahominy Family Physicians