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Effective January 11, 2010, all Medicare patients will have to pay $175.00 at the time of service for their physicals. The reasons for this change are as follows:

- Physicals are not a covered benefit under Medicare except for new enrollees, who are entitled to a welcome to Medicare physical.
- Not all secondary insurances pay for a physical or they do not pay the entire cost of the physical.
- The time to process your Medicare claim and your secondary claim can take from 60 to 120 days. Most other insurances process claims in less than 3 weeks.
- Increasing costs to bill your insurances and to bill you the remaining balance of your physical.
- Failure of patients to pay their bills.

I regret these changes but my cost of doing business continues to rise and my reimbursement from insurance companies is declining.

I am faced with possible changes in Medicare reimbursement this year which may affect my reimbursement by over 20 percent. In addition, due to recent economic changes I am finding it more difficult to collect balances due on accounts from patients, therefore I am no longer able to carry the balance of your physical while waiting possible payment from your secondary insurance.

If your secondary insurance pays for any or all of your physical I will reimburse you within 3 weeks of my receipt of payment any funds that are due to you.

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