

CAROLINA FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.
STANDING ORDER

TITLE: SO-105 Medicare Annual Wellness Visits

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 4, 2025

SECTION: Clinical

REFERENCE POLICY: N/A

RESPONSIBLE CHIEF OF STAFF: Chief Medical Officer

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE: Medical CIT

REVIEWED:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this standing order is to provide guidance and permission to authorized clinical support staff to conduct Medicare Annual Wellness Visits at Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc.

II. STANDING ORDER

Clinical support staff (registered nurses and pharmacists) are authorized under this standing order to conduct Medicare annual wellness visits on behalf of the Chief Medical Officer and the patient's primary care provider.

Staff refers to *CLN-600.04 Medicare Initial Preventative Physical Examination & Annual Wellness Visits*.

Clinical support staff provide the following activities when conducting Medicare Annual Wellness Visits:

1. The vitals, body mass index (BMI), pain score; and for Initial Preventative Physical Examinations (IPPE) visits, vision screening, is conducted using the standard vision chart. The following abnormal results must be reported to the patient's primary care provider or education provided
 - i. Vitals: Blood pressure $\geq 180/120$ is reported to the primary care provider.
 - ii. BMI >25 : provide dietary and exercise counseling
 - iii. Positive pain score: ensure the patient has a follow-up visit with their primary care provider.
 - iv. Abnormal vision screening: order a referral for ophthalmology referral.
2. Updates past medical history, family history, and social history, including social determinants of health (SDOH).
 - i. Screening for SDOH is conducted at least annually. Address any identified SDOH through the use of Community Referrals.
3. Reconciles the patient's medications and fulfills refill requests. Refer to *SO-102 Prescription Refills by Non-provider Clinical Staff*.
4. Conducts a health risk assessment and falls assessment.

5. Conducts depression and substance use screening using the PHQ2/SBIRT (if not done in the current calendar year).
 - i. Positive responses are reported to the patient's primary care provider and/or IBH clinician for a warm hand-off.
6. Queries immunization database and provides flu, pneumococcal, Hepatitis B, and Covid vaccinations when indicated and based on the patient's preference using *SO-101 Standing Order for Vaccines*.
7. Performs electrocardiogram (ECG) for IPPE visits.
8. Provide advanced directives using the MOST form. The clinical support staff person is allowed to review and complete the form and indicate they assisted the patient. The order must be signed by a medical provider. Refer to *RM-506.02 Advance Directives*.
9. Provides information on Chronic Care Management (CCM), obtains consent, and enrolls the patient in Compass Rose if the patient is agreeable. Documents and/or review of Care Plan for patients enrolled in CCM.

This standing order shall remain in effect for all patients of Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc., effective 02/04/2025 until rescinded.



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Chief Medical Officer

3/6/25
Date