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Annual Wellness Exam Policy

Our office would like to clarify what is included in an annual wellness exam. This policy was developed to ensure our medical practice and coding processes are in accordance with Federal Law, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Below we have outlined what is included in a routine annual exam at Willow Women's Health.

Please remember your annual exam is a preventative type of visit, not a problem visit.

Included in an Annual Wellness Exam:

- Complete history and physical exam
- Age appropriate health maintenance assessment
- Pap test, HPV testing, HPV vaccine series as indicated*
- Contraceptive surveillance
- Fasting blood work*
- Ordering of indicated diagnostic testing (i.e mammogram, colonoscopy, bone density scan)
- Screening for sexually transmitted infections upon request*

*HPV testing, HPV vaccination, fasting blood work, and screening for sexually transmitted infections may only be covered partially or not at all by a select group of carriers. We do our best to confirm your benefits prior to your visit, but questions regarding lab work are best addressed by contacting your insurance provider directly.

If you have a medical condition or concern that requires evaluation at the time of your annual exam, depending on your doctor's availability, this problem may be addressed at the same visit. If your doctor addresses problems outside of the scope of an annual wellness exam, it is possible that a portion of the visit is subject to a copay and/ or deductible. Your doctor may alternatively request you to make a separate "problem visit" appointment to thoroughly address your concerns. This request is also in consideration of the other waiting patients.

We recognize the plethora of insurance carriers and plans available today. Some plans cover problem visits, but do not include preventative care, while other plans cover preventative visits at 100%, but subject problem visits to a deductible and or copay. While we regret all visits and lab tests may not be covered entirely by your insurance carrier, ethically and legally we are unable to alter our medical records and coding to align with your insurance benefits.

Our mission at Willow Women's Health is to provide a level of care and service we would want for our own families. As a part of our Willow family, we feel it is important to be transparent about our coding and billing processes and policies.

Respectfully,

Willow Women's Health

Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____