

Preventive vs. Problem Visits

What's the difference? What's covered by insurance?

Rapid City Medical Center follows standard healthcare billing practices and insurance rules for the type of care you receive.

Your Options **1** or **2** or **3**

Preventive/Wellness Visit

Preventive/wellness visit includes:

- Conducting an exam based on your age and gender.
- Providing advice about staying healthy and healthy living choices.
- Identifying risk factors and scheduling screening tests based on age, gender or lifestyle.
- Keeping your immunizations up to date based on your age and gender. You may incur a cost if an immunization is administered.

Annual preventive/wellness visits are covered by many health insurance plans **POTENTIALLY** with **no out-of-pocket costs to you.**

Problem Visit

Standard office visit for a problem includes:

- Discussion of any new health problem, illness or injury.
- Management of chronic, ongoing health problems and/or medications.

Health insurance treats each of these visits as a single office visit with varying coverage. **Your insurance provider may pass some or all of the cost on to you.**

We will submit your bill to your insurance. It is likely that you will have some out-of-pocket expense.

**Questions? Call the Billing Office at
(605) 721-8499**

Combine Your Visits

If you're here for a preventive visit and you'd like to discuss concerns not covered under preventive services, you have the option to do so. **Please be aware that separate charges WILL apply.**

If you are here to discuss a problem, your provider could offer preventive/wellness visit services to avoid scheduling an additional appointment to receive those services.

Federal law requires us to bill services for preventive care and problem visits separately.

Insurance coverage for combined visits is dependent on individual policy, but typically resembles guidelines under separate visits listed.

Call your insurance representative before your appointment and ask specific questions:

- Is a preventive/wellness visit covered under my policy?
- What screenings are covered (ie: labs, imaging)?
- What vaccines are covered?