## **Provider Communications**

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To: All WellSense Providers

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wellness visits this quarter

Product: 

☐ MassHealth ☐ Clarity plans (formerly QHP) ☐ Senior Care Options

# Get a Jump Start on Patient Care: Complete Annual Member Wellness Visits this Quarter

Annual wellness visits give primary care providers the opportunity to develop personalized health plans for their patients, address acute and chronic conditions and prevent disease or disability. These visits focus on the member's current health and risk factors and can identify previously unrecognized diagnoses. Annual wellness visits are also a great time to address general wellness topics appropriate to the patient's age and condition. Below are some useful tips and resources for getting the best of out of these important primary care encounters.

#### What to cover in an annual wellness visit

- Routine measurements and vitals
- Medical and family history
- Current prescriptions

#### Potential conditions for referrals

- Nutrition
- Depression

#### **Helpful resources**

Adult Preventive Care Guidelines from MHQP

- Personalized health advice
- Advanced-care planning
- Social determinants of health
- Fall prevention
- Tobacco cessation

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• <u>Additional guidelines, programs and tools</u> to assist you in delivering the best possible care to your patients

### **Questions?**

Contact your Provider Relations Consultant for a list of WellSense members on your panel with whom you'd like to schedule an annual wellness visit.