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Annual Well Woman Policy

Our office would like to clarify what is included in an annual wellness woman exam. This policy was developed to ensure our medical practice and coding processes are in accordance with the 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 Magnolia Obstetrics and Gynecology. Please remember your annual exam is a **preventative** type of visit, not a **problem** visit.

Included in an Annual Wellness Woman 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 insurance 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 the scope of an annual wellness woman exam, it is possible that a portion of your visit will be subject to a co-pay or deductible and coinsurance depending on your insurance policy.** Your doctor may alternatively request you 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 co-pay or deductible and coinsurance. **While we regret all visits and lab test 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 Magnolia Obstetrics and Gynecology is to provide the level of care and service we would want for our own families. As a part of our family, we feel it is important to be transparent about our coding and billing process.

Respectfully,
 Magnolia Obstetrics and Gynecology

Patient’s Printed Name _____

Patient’s Signature _____

Date _____

Account# _____