



## ALCOHOL MISUSE SCREENING AND COUNSELING



Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well, we are here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

**Alcohol misuse screening and counseling** is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

## Who's covered?

Adults with Medicare (including pregnant women) who use alcohol, but don't meet the medical criteria for alcohol dependency.

## How often is it covered?

Medicare covers one alcohol misuse screening per year. If your primary care doctor or other primary care practitioner determines you're misusing alcohol, you can get up to 4 brief face-to-face counseling sessions per year (if you're competent and alert during counseling). The practitioner must provide the counseling in a primary care setting (like a doctor's office).

## Your cost if you have Original Medicare

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact us at 1 (888) 601-6334 or at <a href="mailto:contact@medrecen.com">contact@medrecen.com</a>.