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As of January 1, 2011, co-insurance for the abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening benefit in Medicare (G0389) was waived for beneficiaries who qualify for this one-time screening as part of the Welcome to Medicare Physical Exam, which is available during the first twelve months of Medicare eligibility. These beneficiaries include men who have ever smoked and men and women with a family history of AAA.

SVS is continuing to pursue legislative and/or regulatory solutions that would remove other barriers, such as the requirement of a referral in order to receive an AAA screening.

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