A qualified nonphysician practitioner for purposes of this section means a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as authorized under section 1861(s)(2)(K)(i) and section 1861(s)(2)(K)(ii) of the Act and defined in section 1861(aa)(5) of the Act, or in §§ 410.74, 410.75, and 410.76).

Review of the beneficiary’s functional ability and level of safety must include, at a minimum, a review of the following areas:

1. Hearing impairment.
2. Activities of daily living.
3. Falls risk.
4. Home safety

Social history is defined to include, at a minimum, the following:

1. History of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug use.
2. Diet.
3. Physical activities.

(b) Condition for coverage of an initial preventive physical examination. Medicare Part B pays for an initial preventive physical examination provided to an eligible beneficiary, as described in this section, if it is furnished by a physician or other qualified nonphysician practitioner, as defined in this section.

(c) Limitation on coverage of cardiovascular screening tests. Payment may be made for cardiovascular screening tests performed for an asymptomatic individual only if the individual has not had the screening tests paid for by Medicare during the preceding 59 months following the month in which the last cardiovascular screening tests were performed.

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§ 410.18 Diabetes screening tests.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

Diabetes means diabetes mellitus, a condition of abnormal glucose metabolism diagnosed using the following criteria: a fasting blood sugar greater than or equal to 126 mg/dL on two different occasions; a 2-hour post-glucose challenge greater than or equal to 200 mg/dL on two different occasions; or a random glucose test over 200 mg/dL for a person with symptoms of uncontrolled diabetes.

Pre-diabetes means a condition of abnormal glucose metabolism diagnosed using the following criteria: a fasting glucose level of 100–125 mg/dL, or a 2-hour post-glucose challenge of 140–199 mg/dL. The term pre-diabetes includes the following conditions:

1. Impaired fasting glucose.
2. Impaired glucose tolerance.

(b) General conditions of coverage. Medicare Part B covers diabetes screening tests after a referral from a physician or qualified nonphysician practitioner to an individual at risk for diabetes for the purpose of early detection of diabetes.

(c) Types of tests covered. The following tests are covered if all other conditions of this subpart are met:

1. Fasting blood glucose test.