

Appendix 3 Bethesda Integrative Medicine's Medicare Patient Understandings

This agreement is between Bethesda Integrative Medicine, and
Medicare Beneficiary: _____
Who resides at: _____
With Medicare ID #: _____

Patient is a Medicare Part B beneficiary seeking services covered under Medicare Part B pursuant to Section 4507 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The Practice has informed Beneficiary or his/her legal representative that Physicians at the Practice have opted out of the Medicare program. The Physicians in the Practice have not been excluded from participating in Medicare Part B under [1128] 1128, [1156] 1156, or [1892] 1892 of the Social Security Act.

Beneficiary or his/her legal representative agrees, understands and expressly acknowledges the following:

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____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative accepts full responsibility for payment of the physician's charge for all services furnished by the physician.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative understands that Medicare limits do not apply to what the physician may charge for items or services furnished by the physician.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative agrees not to submit a claim to Medicare or to ask the physician to submit a claim to Medicare.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative understands that Medicare payment will not be made for any items or services furnished by the physician that would have otherwise been covered by Medicare if there was no private contract and a proper Medicare claim had been submitted.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative enters into this contract with the knowledge that he/she has the right to obtain Medicare-covered items and services from physicians and practitioners who have **not** opted out of Medicare, and the beneficiary is not compelled to enter into private contracts that apply to other Medicare-covered services furnished by other physicians or practitioners who have not opted out.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative understands that Medi-Gap plans do not, and that other supplemental plans may elect not to, make payments for items and services not paid for by Medicare.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative acknowledges that the beneficiary is not currently in an emergency or urgent health care situation.

____ Beneficiary or his/her legal representative acknowledges that a copy of this contract has been made available to him.

Executed on: _____

By: _____

Medicare Beneficiary or his/her legal representative

And: _____

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