

## Medicare (for Medicare Part B) Policy

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you understand that our licensed chiropractors are not enrolled as Medicare providers. Medicare has onerous technical and administrative requirements that must be met for services to be considered medically necessary covered benefits.

We believe those requirements take unnecessary time away from the services we provide. Since we are not enrolled providers, we cannot submit claims to Medicare and Medicare will not pay for our services even though the same services might be paid by Medicare if you obtained them from a Medicare enrolled provider. Therefore, by choosing our services, you are exercising your right to privacy and electing, of your own free will, not to use your Medicare benefits. As such, you are agreeing to pay cash at the time of service for all services you elect to receive from us with no expectation that Medicare will reimburse you.

You understand that we will not submit claims to Medicare on your behalf or provide you with a statement or billing codes that you can submit to Medicare yourself. If you want Medicare to pay for services that might be considered covered benefits, you should seek those services from a Medicare enrolled provider. If you decide at any point after you start services with us that you want Medicare to pay for the services it covers, we will be happy to recommend a Medicare enrolled provider and terminate your services with us.

You also understand that since we are not enrolled Medicare providers, our services are not subject to Medicare's maximum allowable charge. You agree that you, your caregivers, family members, authorized representatives or power of attorney will not, under any circumstance, submit our claims, invoices, receipts or statements to Medicare for reimbursement or to obtain a denial for a Medicare supplemental insurance plan.

Even if your Medicare supplemental insurance plan, Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP), or commercial insurance plan will reimburse you for medically necessary services by providers not enrolled with Medicare, we do not provide a letter stating we are not enrolled as a Medicare provider or a statement for submission. These plans often require you to obtain a denial from Medicare before it will pay for your services, but we cannot submit a bill to Medicare merely to get a denial because we are not enrolled providers.