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NOTICE OF MEDICARE COVERAGE FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Your Medicare coverage of chiropractic care is limited. It does not pay for all services. It will only pay for your chiropractic adjustment (manipulative treatment) when it meets Medicare's specific rules. There are three categories of Medicare services: 1) non-covered 2) always-covered, and 3) perhaps-covered.

NON-COVERED SERVICES

According to existing Medicare law, most of the services in our office are NON-COVERED. Hopefully, the U.S. Congress will change that someday and treat Doctors of Chiropractic like all other doctors. Until then, here is a summary:

Examples of Non-Covered Services

All Services Other than Chiropractic Adjustments:

- Office Visits - to evaluate and manage, re-evaluate, advise, or give counsel regarding your health.
- Physiotherapy - such as massage, traction, electrical stimulation, neuromuscular re-education, etc.
- X-rays, Laboratory, Supplies, Vitamins, etc.

Various Chiropractic Adjustments or Treatments:

- Non-spinal manipulation to the shoulder, arm, leg, etc.
- Maintenance Care - you are stable and not making any more improvement.
- Wellness Care - to promote better health.

ALWAYS-COVERED SERVICES

A Medicare COVERED service is for when you are injured or when you are in pain due to a bad spinal condition. Medicare pays for your rehabilitation as long as you are improving. This phase of care is call "active treatment." It will be shown on your Medicare claim form and payment reports with your service code. For example, "98940-AT."

PERHAPS-COVERED SERVICES

Your Chiropractic Adjustment must be clinically needed to correct a problem of the spine, according to Medicare rules. If Medicare determines that your condition is not "Medically Necessary" they will not pay. When we know or believe that your chiropractic adjustment is no longer covered, we will discuss this matter with you. We will also give you a Medicare form known as the Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) which will show your financial obligation for continued care.

MY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I have received the above Medicare information. I understand that I am personally **financially responsible** for all services not covered by Medicare. I am also responsible for applicable annual deductibles or copayments.

x _____ _____

Signature of patient or person acting on patient's behalf — Date

MY AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the **release** of any medical or other information necessary to process my claims. I also **request** payment of government or private benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment. This is a permanent authorization that I may revoke at any time by written notice.

x _____ _____

Signature of patient or person acting on patient's behalf — Date

NOTE: Your health information will be kept confidential. Any information that we collect about you on this form will be kept confidential in our offices. If a claim is submitted to a payer, your health information on this form may be shared with the payer. Your health information which the payer sees will be kept confidential by the payer.

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