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## **Medicare Opt out/out of Network Notification**

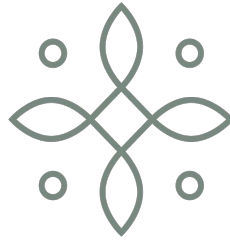
### NOTIFICATION TO MEDICARE PATIENTS

This is a notification to our Medicare patients of a recent decision we have made in our practice, and to explain its benefits and its impact on you. As you know, our new medical practice is in a small, personal office setting. In order to spend more time with our patients and to decrease practice complexity and administrative costs, we do not have any insurance/third party billing services (including government programs such as Medicare).

You may not know that it is voluntary for doctors to contract with Medicare. Once contracted, he/she must comply with Medicare's numerous restrictions/regulations (often quite complex and confusing) and can only be paid the fixed amount that Medicare will allow. Even if the patient desires to pay the doctor's real charges, it is prohibited by Medicare.

Doctors may choose NOT to contract with Medicare since it is a voluntary system. We have made the decision to not contract with Medicare. We will still be offering you our medical services, but it will be outside of the Medicare payment system. You will be asked to pay us directly for our services as we do with our non-Medicare patients. Due to Medicare regulations, you cannot seek and you will not receive reimbursement from Medicare/the Federal Government/secondary (medigap) insurance for our services.

There will be NO change in your Medicare benefits. Your Medicare and secondary insurance benefits will continue to be in full effect for lab, x-rays, hospital services and for services you receive from all doctors contracted with Medicare. This change only affects our charges. There will be NO changes in our medical services to you.



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You will be given a payment receipt for our services which may be useful for tax purposes, but it cannot be sent to Medicare OR your secondary insurance for reimbursement.

Also, our charges are reasonable given that we pass on our administrative cost savings to our patients. A copy of our sample charges is listed on our website and will be disclosed in full prior to scheduling or rendering any services to you. In our opinion, when a doctor decides not to contract with Medicare there are wonderful benefits for both doctors and patients. They are free to have a private professional relationship which means they make individual agreements on medical services and on reimbursement for these services which is fair to both.

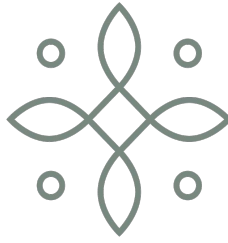
Whereas the terms are set and agreed to voluntarily by the doctor and the patient only, mutual fairness is the natural result. This is the type of relationship we want to have with our patients!

In order to be treated by us it will be necessary (as dictated by Medicare) for you to sign and return to us the enclosed private contract. Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if there are any questions we can assist you with! Sincerely, Christine Carter, DNP, FNP-C

Please confirm you have received and read the above notification:

Please sign your name: X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Private Contract

This agreement is between: Christine S. Carter, DNP, FNP-C, whose principal place of business is 20 Spring Street, Suite 2, Warwick, NY 10990 and Medicare Beneficiary

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

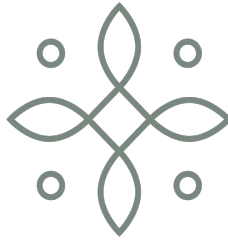
Who lives at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare Number: \_\_\_\_\_

and 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 Physician has informed Beneficiary or his/her legal representative that Physician has opted out of the Medicare program effective on August 30, 2022. The physician is not 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:

- 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.



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### Private Contract - cont'd

- 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/her:

Executed on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Christine S. Carter, Family Health Nurse Practitioner, PLLC., DBA Bravoure Medical Wellness

Patient or legal Representative Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient or legal Representative Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_