

Patient Name:

Identification Number (Optional):

ADVANCE BENEFICIARY NOTICE OF NONCOVERAGE (ABN)

NOTE: Medicare doesn't pay for Chiropractic Maintenance Care below. You may have to pay.

Medicare does not pay for everything, even some care that you or your health care provider have good reason to think you need. We expect Medicare may not pay for Chiropractic Maintenance Care below.

Chiropractic Maintenance Care	Reason Medicare May Not Pay:	Estimated Cost per Treatment:
CPT codes 98940, 98941, 98942 or HCPCS code S8990	Spinal physical or manipulative treatment performed for Maintenance Care rather than restorative care is not a Medicare covered service.	\$

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW:

- Read this notice, so you can make an informed decision about your care.
- Ask us any questions that you may have after you finish reading.
- Choose an option below about whether to receive the Maintenance Care listed above.

Note: If you choose Option 1 or 2, we may help you to use any other insurance that you might have, but Medicare cannot require us to do this.

OPTIONS:

Check only one box. We cannot choose a box for you.

OPTION 1. I want the **Chiropractic Maintenance Care** listed above. You may ask to be paid now, but I also want Medicare billed for an official decision on payment, which is sent to me on a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). I understand that if Medicare doesn't pay, I am responsible for payment, but **I can appeal to Medicare** by following the directions on the MSN. If Medicare does pay, you will refund any payments I made to you, less co-pays or deductibles.

OPTION 2. I want the **Chiropractic Maintenance Care** listed above, but do not bill Medicare. I may be asked to pay you now, as I am responsible for payment. **I cannot appeal if Medicare is not billed.**

OPTION 3. I don't want the **Chiropractic Maintenance Care** listed above. I understand with this choice I am **not** responsible for payment, and **I cannot appeal to see if Medicare would pay.**

Additional Information: This ABN form is only for Maintenance Care under Medicare regulations. It is good for up to one year of Maintenance Care. If you have a new injury, re-injury or exacerbation (your condition worsens) you will be placed back on the Active Treatment status for Medicare coverage and billing. When you become stable again, a new ABN form will be needed for the next course of Maintenance Care.

This notice gives our opinion, not an official Medicare decision. If you have other questions on this notice or Medicare billing, call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227/TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

Signing below means that you have received and understand this notice. You also receive a copy.

Signature:

Date:

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ABOUT MEDICARE CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE

Your Medicare coverage of chiropractic care is limited. They will only pay for the chiropractic adjustment (manipulative treatment) when it meets Medicare's 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 available 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 counsel.
- Physiotherapy - such as massage, traction, electrical stimulation, neuromuscular re-education, etc.
- X-rays, Laboratory, Supplies, Vitamins, etc.

Various Chiropractic Adjustments:

- 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.

Non-covered items will appear on your insurance claim form. They will show as a Medicare Non-covered service like this: "72010-GY". The "72010" code is for an x-ray. The "-GY" means that it is not-covered, allowing your service to go through the Medicare system. After denial by Medicare, it can then go on to your other insurance. If you have Medigap insurance (also known as Medicare Secondary or Supplemental insurance) they will pay according to the terms of your contract.

ALWAYS-COVERED SERVICES

A typical example of a Medicare COVERED service is when you are injured or you are in much pain due to a bad spinal condition. You should expect Medicare to pay 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 according to Medicare rules. If Medicare determines that your condition is not "Medically Necessary" they won't pay. If we know or believe that Medicare will not pay for your chiropractic adjustment, we will discuss this matter with you. We will also give you a special Medicare form known as the Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN).

MY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I have received the above information, "About Medicare Chiropractic Coverage." I understand that I am personally **financially responsible** for all services not paid for by my insurance. I am also responsible for any annual deductibles applicable, copayments, or non-covered services as may be required by my insurance plan.

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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.