



# MEDICARE BILLING DISCLOSURE

Asula Wellness Center

## GENERAL MEDICARE BENEFIT INFORMATION

The purpose of this form is to inform our patients of our billing practices for Medicare, Medigap or Medicare Advantage plans. These plans generally follow Medicare guidelines for chiropractic treatments. **Asula is required to comply with Medicare guidelines and rules.**

## GENERAL **PAYMENT** INFORMATION FOR ALL PLANS

Asula is Non-Participating with Medicare. This means you will pay up-front for services and Medicare will reimburse you directly. Per Medicare guidelines, a patient must have a diagnosis of subluxation of the spine. \*Medicare does not cover Acupuncture or Naturopathy.

We are required to perform exams, but Medicare will not reimburse Asula for them. This means that the cost of the exam will fall to you, the patient. We perform exams on the first visit, if there is a new injury, or if there is 6 months or more between visits. The cost for exams is usually between \$85 - \$220. We do allow the 25% time of service discount for exams, which decreases the cost to \$65 - \$160. The difference in cost is based on the complexity of your injuries and is determined by your treating chiropractor.

## IF YOU HAVE A **MEDICARE** PLAN

At your visit, you will pay Asula for the spinal manipulation treatment (ask us for the current fee). Asula will bill Medicare, and Medicare will refund you directly according to your plan. This fee is in addition to any fee owed for an exam or re-exam performed.

## IF YOU HAVE A **MED-ADVANTAGE** PLAN

For Med-Advantage plans, we will bill your private insurance company. Because we are non-participating with Medicare, we will fall under the non-participating benefits with your insurance company. The benefits will be based on your Med-Advantage plan, which may have slightly different benefits for chiropractic. For



instance, waiving the deductible and requiring a copay instead of coinsurance. For Med-Advantage plans, we will collect according to your plan benefit.

**WHAT IF I HAVE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INSURANCE?**

If you have primary insurance with Medicare and secondary insurance with a private commercial insurance company, let us know and we will contact the secondary insurance for benefit information. We will collect the current spinal manipulation fee and Medicare will refund you directly. Ultimately, we will not know your final patient portion until the claim processes through both insurances.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read this disclosure and understand the Medicare billing practices at Asula.

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**Signature**

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**Date**