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Re: Medicare Prohibition of Billing for "Medically Unnecessary" Services

Dear Medicare Patient:

In October, 1987, U.S. Congress passed the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA), Section 9332 (C), entitled "Prohibition Against Billing Non-Assigned Services Which Are Determined to be Medically Unnecessary." Implementation of this Act was delayed due to lack of administrative funds. However, local Medicare carriers are now enforcing this act, as of April 1988.

The Act provides that medically unnecessary services are those services which are determined not to be covered by Medicare because they are not reasonable and necessary to treat illness or injury.

Reasons for lack of necessity include: unnecessary and inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards (still experimental or under investigation); furnished primarily for the convenience of the patient rather than medically necessary; not furnished at the most appropriate level which can be provided safely and effectively to the patient.

Dr. Jonathan Collin provides services in preventive and natural medicine, wellness medicine, nutrition, vitamin diagnosis and treatment, vitamin injections, and chelation therapy. As such, all of Dr. Collin's consultations (diagnosis and treatments), vitamin prescriptions, vitamin injections, and chelation treatments are considered "medically unnecessary" per the guidelines specified by Medicare.

It is therefore required that all Medicare patients be duly informed that any services given by Dr. Collin are considered to be medically unnecessary and will not be covered by Medicare. Further, all such services will be payable directly by the patient and may not be submitted to Medicare or any other insurance carrier. Therefore, Medicare patients may not submit any service charge to Medicare for reimbursement. This includes consultations, as well.

Patients who understand this Medicare prohibition, and who wish to receive health care services with Dr. Collin may do so upon signing the following agreement:

I agree not to submit any billing for a "medically unnecessary service" received from Dr. Collin, to Medicare, and further agree to pay for such service myself.

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