

NOTICE OF EXCLUSIONS FROM MEDICARE BENEFITS (NEMB)

There are items and services for which Medicare will not pay.

• Medicare does **not** pay for all of your health care costs. Medicare only pays for covered benefits.

Some items and services are not Medicare benefits and Medicare will not pay for them.

• When you receive an item or service that is **not** a Medicare benefit, **you are responsible to pay for it**, personally or through any other insurance that you may have.

The purpose of this notice is to help you make an informed choice about whether or not you want to receive these items or services, knowing that you will have to pay for them yourself.

Before you make a decision, you should read this entire notice carefully.

Ask us to explain, if you don't understand why Medicare won't pay.

Ask us how much these items or services will cost you (**Estimated Cost: \$75 Per Visit**).

Medicare will not pay for: Physical therapy and speech language pathology services over \$1,840 in 2009;

1. Because it does not meet the definition of any Medicare benefit.

2. Because of the following exclusion * from Medicare benefits:

- Personal comfort items.
- Most shots (vaccinations).
- Hearing aids and hearing examinations.
- Most outpatient prescription drugs.
- Orthopedic shoes and foot supports (orthotics).
- Health care received outside of the USA.
- Services required as a result of war.
- Services paid for by a governmental entity that is not Medicare.
- Services for which the patient has no legal obligation to pay.
- Home health services furnished under a plan of care, if the agency does not submit the claim.
- Items and services excluded under the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.
- Items or services furnished in a competitive acquisition area by any entity that does not have a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (except in a case of urgent need).
- Physicians' services performed by a physician assistant, midwife, psychologist, or nurse anesthetist, when furnished to an inpatient, unless they are furnished under arrangements by the hospital.
- Items and services furnished to an individual who is a resident of a skilled nursing facility (a SNF) or of a part of a facility that includes a SNF, unless they are furnished under arrangements by the SNF.
- Services of an assistant at surgery without prior approval from the peer review organization.
- Outpatient occupational and physical therapy services furnished incident to a physician's services.
- Routine physicals and most tests for screening.
- Routine eye care, eyeglasses and examinations.
- Cosmetic surgery.
- Dental care and dentures (in most cases).
- Routine foot care and flat foot care.
- Services by immediate relatives.
- Services under a physician's private contract.

*** This is only a general summary of exclusions from Medicare benefits. It is not a legal document. The official Medicare program provisions are contained in relevant laws, regulations, and rulings.**

Signed _____

Date _____