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## **MEDICARE GUIDELINES NOTICE OF EXCLUSIONS FROM MEDICARE BENEFITS**

- We are non par with Medicare. Payment is due at time of service. If your visit consists of Manual Spinal Manipulation, we will submit your claim to Medicare, and you will receive the check.  
***Medicare covers only: manual spinal manipulation, as a “dynamic thrust which is a therapeutic force delivered during manipulation of a spinal segment.***
- Depending on your condition, your office visit may consist of heat, ultrasound, e- stim, and other procedures such as non thrusting joint joint mobilizations, ART, PNF acupressure and other soft tissue techniques without traditional manual spinal manipulation.

These procedures reduce pain, inflammation, increases ROM and reduce symptoms, ***but are not covered under Medicare guidelines. We will not bill medicare as these are non covered services.***

- Medicare does not cover your initial exam, x-rays, braces, supplements or any other procedure besides manipulation of the spine. If most cases we may refer you back to your primary to order x rays to minimize out of pocket expenses.
- ***Medicare does not cover monthly pre scheduled or preventive maintenance, even though you or your provider may deem it necessary.***

***The Medicare definition of maintenance care is as follows:***

(per Chapter 15, Section 30.5.B. of the Medicare Benefits Policy Manual) as a treatment plan that seeks to: ***prevent disease, promote health, and prolong and enhance the quality of life; or therapy that is performed to maintain or prevent deterioration of a chronic condition.*** When further clinical improvement cannot reasonably be expected from continuous ongoing care, and the chiropractic treatment becomes supportive rather than corrective in nature, the treatment is then considered maintenance therapy.

***I have read and understand this policy.***

***Signed:*** \_\_\_\_\_

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