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Medicare Opt-Out Reminder

Individual physicians and practitioners who have chosen to opt-out of Medicare, are reminded that neither the provider, nor the beneficiary may submit a claim to Medicare or a Medicare contractor for services rendered. Instead, the beneficiary pays the provider out-of-pocket and neither party is reimbursed by Medicare or a Medicare contractor. A private contract is signed between the provider and the beneficiary that states, that neither one can receive payment from Medicare or a Medicare contractor for the services that were performed. Providers who have chosen to opt-out of Medicare should have received an affidavit from Medicare detailing their effective and end dates for the opt-out period.

Claims received without a copy of the provider's affidavit and the private contract will deny as provider liability. Claims received with a copy of the affidavit and private contract will deny as member liability.

Individuals should not opt-out of Medicare if they intend to be a Medicare Advantage (Part C) or 1876 Cost (Platinum Blue) provider or furnish services covered by traditional Medicare fee-for- service (Part B).

To verify opt-out status or learn more about the methodology, visit:

[Provider Opt-Out Affidavits Look-up Tool - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Data \(cms.gov\)](#)

Products Impacted

This reminder applies to:

- Platinum Blue subscribers
- Medicare Advantage subscribers
- Medicare Supplement subscribers

Questions?

If you have questions for a member enrolled in a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) plan, please contact provider services at **1-866-518-8448**. For all other questions, contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.