

Private Healthcare Contract

This agreement between Emily Shortridge, MD and _____ ("Beneficiary") who is a Medicare Part B Beneficiary signifies coverage under Medicare Part B pursuant to Section 4507 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The Physician has informed the Beneficiary that the physicians of this practice have permanently opted out of the Medicare program effective April 1, 2007 and are not excluded from participating in Medicare Part B under Sections 1128, 1156, or 1892 of the Social Security Act.

By signing this agreement, the Beneficiary:

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| 1. Acknowledges and accepts full responsibility for payment of the Physician's charges for all services provided by a physician in our practice; | Patient's
Initials:
_____ |
| 2. Acknowledges that Medigap plans do not, and that other supplemental insurance plans may elect not to make payment for items and services not paid for by Medicare; | _____ |
| 3. Agrees to not submit a claim to Medicare or ask the Physician to submit a claim to Medicare; | _____ |
| 4. Acknowledges that Medicare limits do not apply to what the Physician may charge for items or services provided by the Physician; | _____ |
| 5. Acknowledges that the Beneficiary has the right to obtain Medicare-covered items and services from physicians and practitioners who have not opted out of Medicare, and that the patient is not compelled to enter into private contracts that apply to Medicare-covered services provided by Physicians or Practitioners who have "opted out"; | _____ |
| 6. Acknowledges that Medicare payment will not be made for any items or services furnished by the Physician that would have otherwise been covered by Medicare if there was no private contract and a proper Medicare claim had been submitted; | _____ |
| 7. Acknowledges that this contract was not entered into during a time when the Beneficiary required emergency care services or urgent care services. | _____ |

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

Patient _____

Physician: _____

Signature: _____

For: Emily Shortridge, MD
4400 N. 32nd St., Ste. 280
Phoenix, AZ 85018

Date: _____