

## Special Notice for Medicare Patients

Dr. Hoch and the team here at Fort Myers Chiropractic Studio are dedicated to providing you with the best healthcare possible, with the goal of you reaching your optimal health and function. For that reason, we will always recommend only the treatment you need for the improvement of your condition and will not make recommendations based on what your insurance policy may or may not cover.

The decision to proceed with care is always up to you, the patient, since your healthcare choices are a personal decision. With that in mind, this notice will help you understand what is covered by Medicare in a chiropractic office, and what may be your responsibility.

Medicare covers **ONLY** spinal adjustments, when the doctor determines that your case meets Medicare's specific requirements of active care and medical necessity. All other services that we deliver here in our office are excluded or not covered by Medicare. This includes those items listed below:

- X-rays\*
- Evaluation and Management services (examinations)
- Adjustments to areas other than the spine
- Physical therapy modalities and procedures
- Exercises
- Durable medical equipment
- Acupuncture
- Laboratory tests
- Other medical supplies

Dr. Hoch is a Non-Par Medicare provider. This means that she extends the Medicare allowable fees to her Medicare patients who are under active care. Our patients pay us those fees at the time of service and we in turn submit electronic claims to Medicare on our patient's behalf. Any covered services to be reimbursed are paid directly to the patient. If you have a secondary insurance, Medicare will forward the claim to your secondary automatically.

Medicare Replacement policies are not the same as traditional Medicare and operate more like HMOs. We do submit billing for Medicare replacement policy holders as those claims do not get sent directly to Medicare.

Remember, it is the policy of this office never to turn any patient away from care due to financial circumstances. We offer many options to assist you with your financial responsibility and will explain each of these to you in detail.

We are happy to include you among our practice family. Please let us know about any questions you have related to your treatment here at Fort Myers Chiropractic Studio.

\*X-rays may or may not be covered if taken at another facility.