All Medicare Patients are Required to Sign Before Consultation

Agreement by Medicare Beneficiary for Medical Services

______, a patient and Medicare Part B beneficiary ("Patient"), and Aggie Hewitt, M.D., a physician licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania ("Physician"), enter into this agreement for the provision of medical services specified herein ("Services") in accordance with the provisions of Section 4507 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Wherefore, in exchange for consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties hereby acknowledge, Patient and Physician agree as follows:

- 1. Patient acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement had been entered into before Physician had provided the Services specified herein to Patient.
- 2. Patient acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement has not been entered into at a time when Patient is facing an emergency or urgent health care situation that cannot be postponed until a Medicare physician is available.
- 3. The Services to be provided Patient include office visits, infusion therapy, testing, medical services, ancillary health care services and nutritional counseling.
- 4. Patient agrees <u>not to submit a claim</u> (or request that Physician submit a claim on Patient's behalf) under the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1395a) for the Services, even if such Services are otherwise covered under Medicare Part B.
- 5. Patient agrees to be responsible, whether through private insurance or otherwise, for the payment of Services.
- 6. Patient acknowledges that Medicare will not provide reimbursement for the Services and no Medicare fee limits [including those specified in 422 U.S.C. 1395a; 1848(g)] will apply to the amounts Physician charges for Services.
- 7. Patient acknowledges the Medigap plans under 42 U.S.C. 1882 do not, and other supplemental insurance plans may not, make payments for the Services.
- 8. Patient acknowledges that, as a Medicare beneficiary, a patient has the right to have the Services provided by other physicians or practitioners for whom payment would be made under Medicare, 42 U.S.C. 1395a.
- 9. Physician has informed Patient that Physician is not excluded from participating in the Medicare Part B under U.S.C. 1128, but has exercised his Constitutional Right to "opt out" of the Medicare program, and Physician now may not perform Medicare services to any patient.
- 10. By signing this Agreement, Patient understands that Patient is foregoing his or her right to receive Medicare benefits for the Services from Physician, but that Patient is not forfeiting Medicare benefits for services from other Medicare providers.

Signature of Patient:	Date:
Signature of Physician:	Date: