# *Notice of Non-Coverage for Medicare Patients*

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## What does "Non-Coverage" mean?

Medicare currently does not cover charges for examinations, x-rays, muscle therapy, ultrasound, muscle stimulation or Wellness/Maintenance care when performed by a Chiropractor.  Yet, Medicare requires Chiropractors to perform examinations and x-rays on patients prior to treatment, in order to receive payment from them.  In addition, Medicare reimburses Chiropractors at an extremely low rate *and* requires an inordinate amount of paperwork to receive that low reimbursement amount.

## What type of treatment does Dr. Jellum provide for Medicare patients?

Dr. Jellum has chosen to only provide Wellness/Maintenance care for Medicare-age patients.  If you have an acute condition, Dr. Jellum will refer you to your Primary Medical Physician for treatment.  You may return for Wellness/Maintenance care when your acute condition resolves.

## What if I have Supplemental Medicare Insurance?

If you have a Supplemental Medicare policy, Medicare needs to be billed first and then the Supplemental policy would cover the rest, but *ONLY* for those charges Medicare will already allow.  Most Supplemental Insurance plans DO NOT cover Wellness/Maintenance care.  Therefore, we will not submit an insurance claim  for Wellness/Maintenance services to Medicare OR your Supplemental Insurance.

## What will my estimated costs be for Wellness Maintenance care?

To help our Medicare-age patients receive affordable Wellness/Maintenance care, Dr. Jellum charges $70 for the initial visit/exam and $55 for any subsequent visits.  If you pay using cash or check, we offer a $5 discount.

If you feel you cannot afford our charges, we can refer you to a Chiropractor who will bill Medicare for acute conditions.  If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Signing below indicates that you have received and understand this information:

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