

The Block Center Medicare Opt Out Contract

I, _____, the beneficiary, understands that Dr. Mary Ann Block and The Block Center have opted out of Medicare.

Beneficiary or beneficiary's legal representative accepts full responsibility for payment of the physician's or practitioner's charge for all services furnished by the physician or practitioner.

Beneficiary or beneficiary's legal representative understands that Medicare limits do not apply to what the physician/practitioner may charge for items or services furnished by the physician/practitioner.

Beneficiary or beneficiary's legal representative agrees not to submit a claim to Medicare or to ask the physician/practitioner to submit a claim to Medicare.

Beneficiary or beneficiary's legal representative understand that Medicare payment will not be made for any item or services furnished by the physician/practitioner that would have otherwise been covered by Medicare if there was no private contract and a proper Medicare claim had been submitted.

Beneficiary or beneficiary's legal representative enters into the contract with the knowledge 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 beneficiary is not compelled to enter into private contracts that apply to other Medicare-covered services furnished by other physicians or practitioners who have not opted out.

The effective date of the opt out period starts on April 1, 2014 and ends on April 1, 2016. A new contract must be signed for each opt out period.

Beneficiary or beneficiary's legal representative understands that Medigap plans do not, and that other supplemental plans may elect not to, make payments for items and services not paid by Medicare.

Beneficiary

Date

Beneficiaries Legal Representative

Physician/Practitioner

New Texas Law

Services at The Block Center, Mary Ann Block, DO. PA, are Out-of-Network.

- A new patient office visit is **\$400.00**.
- Payment for services is required at time of service.
- A non-refundable deposit is required at the time an appointment is made.
- The deposit will be deducted from the Office Visit charge.

Any additional labs or other costs will be determined at the time of the office visit and must be given in writing before a test can be done. This could put a patient in danger if they cannot get a test performed until they have the price in writing, but it is now the Texas law.