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Private Contract

As provided in section 4507 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, a “private contract” is a contract between a Medicare beneficiary and a physician who has “opted out” of Medicare for two years for all covered items and services he or she furnishes to Medicare beneficiaries. In a private contract, the Medicare beneficiary **agrees to give up Medicare payment** for services furnished by the physician **and to pay the physician without regard to any limits that would otherwise apply to what the physician could charge.**

When a physician **opts out of Medicare none of the services provided to the patient are covered by Medicare and no Medicare payment can be made to that physician directly from Medicare. Additionally, no Medicare payment may be made to the beneficiary (patient) for items or services provided directly by the physician who has opted out of the Medicare program.**

At this time, Dr. Nerissa S. Guballa has opted out of the Medicare program. The effective date is **January 1, 2020**. In signing this contract you agree to make payment in full for all services rendered at the time of your visit. Medicare limits do not apply to any of the charge. Your charges will be the same as non Medicare patients. **You will not receive any payment by Medicare for services rendered in this office.** You have the right to obtain gynecological care from physicians who are participating in the Medicare program. If you find a physician who participates that you would like to receive care from, we will be happy to forward your records.

The exception to this contract is if there is an emergency or urgent care that is immediately required. If that occurs, we may and will treat a Medicare beneficiary with whom we do not have private contract for that emergency. In such a situation, we will charge the patient at the Medicare fee schedule and the patient would be allowed to submit the charge to Medicare.

Patient's signature Date

Patient's Name (Print)

Physician's signature Date

Nerissa S. Guballa, MD
Physician's Name (Print)