

# NOTICE OF EXCLUSIONS FROM MEDICARE BENEFITS IN 2023

**Medicare does not pay for all your health care costs – Medicare only pays for covered benefits**

**In 2023 Medicare will not pay for over \$2,230.00** in Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy Services unless medically necessary.

The purpose of this notice is to help you make an informed decision about whether you want to receive items or services that are excluded by Medicare, knowing that you will be responsible to pay for them either personally or through any other insurance you may have. Please read this entire notice carefully. Please ask if you do not understand why Medicare will not pay and what these items or services could cost. **(Estimated Cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_)**

## **Items or Services that are not covered by Medicare because:**

**1. It does not meet the definition of any Medicare benefit**

**or**

**2. Medicare exclusions\* apply for benefits such as:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Personal comfort items</li><li>▪ Most shots (vaccinations)</li><li>▪ Hearing aids and hearing examinations</li><li>▪ Most outpatient prescription drugs</li><li>▪ Orthopedic shoes and foot supports (orthotics)</li><li>▪ Health care received outside of the USA</li><li>▪ Services required as a result of war</li><li>▪ Routine physicals and most tests for screening</li><li>▪ Routine eye care, eyeglasses, and examinations</li><li>▪ Cosmetic surgery</li><li>▪ Dental care and dentures (in most cases)</li><li>▪ Routine foot care and flat foot care</li><li>▪ Services by immediate relatives</li><li>▪ Services under a physician's private contract</li><li>▪ Services paid for by a governmental entity that is not Medicare</li><li>▪ Services for which the patient has no legal obligation to pay</li><li>▪ Home health services furnished under a plan of care, if the agency does not submit the claim</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Items and services excluded under the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997</li><li>▪ Items or services furnished in a competitive acquisition area by any entity that does not have a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services (except in a case of urgent need)</li><li>▪ Physicians' services performed by a physician assistant, midwife, psychologist, or nurse anesthetist, when furnished to an inpatient, unless they are furnished under arrangements by the hospital</li><li>▪ Items and services furnished to an individual who is a resident of a skilled nursing facility (SNF) or of a part of a facility that includes a SNF, unless they are furnished under arrangements by the SNF</li><li>▪ Services of an assistant at surgery without prior approval from the peer review organization</li><li>▪ Outpatient occupational and physical therapy services furnished incident to a physician's services</li></ul> |
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\*This is only a general summary of exclusions from Medicare benefits. It is not a legal document. The official Medicare program provisions are contained in relevant laws, regulations, and rulings.

**Acknowledged:**

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**Beneficiary Signature**

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**Date**