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internal medicine

WEST GEORGIA INTERNAL MEDICINE
MEDICARE OFFICE POLICY

This letter is to explain the policy of Medicare in this clinic. Our physicians are non-participating providers with Medicare. This means that the clinic will file all Medicare claims directly to Medicare; however, the patient is responsible for payment in full of the charges at the time of service. Medicare will send all payments directly to the patient.

When the clinic files the claim to Medicare, the secondary insurance information is sent to Medicare also. When you receive your explanation of benefits (EOB) from Medicare, it will state on there if they filed to your secondary insurance. If they did not file to your secondary insurance, you will need to make a copy of the EOB from Medicare and send it to your secondary insurance.

Because we are non-participating providers with Medicare, each year Medicare sends to this office a document stating the exact amount that we are required to charge for each procedure. This amount is set by the Healthcare Administration and we are penalized if we charge over, or under, the set amount for each procedure. Medicare will not reimburse the patient the full amount that we are required to charge; however, your secondary insurance may make up the difference.

We will be glad to answer any further questions that you may have.

Patient Signature _____

Date: _____