



**THE KLEIN
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Balanced therapies for ultimate health

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS 65 AND OLDER

Dr. Klein has elected to "opt-out" of Medicare. According to Federal law, this means that any Medicare or Medicare-eligible patient need to sign a Private Contracting Agreement and agree to each of its provisions prior to being seen. Please read over the agreement carefully, initial each of its provisions upon signing in for your appointment. **We cannot see you until we have a signed copy of this agreement in hand.**

Please be aware that an "opt-out" physician is prohibited by Federal statute from submitting any claims to Medicare. This means that, even if you have secondary coverage from a company that Dr. Klein contracts with, and they have told you that we can still submit the bill to Medicare and they will cover charges once they have received a denial from Medicare; **it is a violation of the law for you or Dr. Klein to submit any charges from this office to Medicare.** We are only allowed to treat you as a "self-pay" patient with out any third party involvement, except in cases of emergency. Most insurance companies do not understand the difference between a physician who has "opted-out" of Medicare and one who is "non-participation" and thus give innacurate advice. The above does not apply to any tests or services that Dr. Klein orders that are performed at a Medicare approved facility such as a hospital, laboratory, radiology center or physical therapy office.

At the present time none of the insurance companies will give us any guarentee of payment even if you have been told they will pay after Medicare issues a denial on your claim. Given the nature of this practice, it is not financially feasible for us to file insurance claims with no guarantee of payment. We appreciate your3 understanding in this matter.