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**Medicare Opt Out Private Contract**

- I Bettina Lehnert, PhD have not been excluded from Medicare under [1128] §§1128, [1156] 1156 or [1892] 1892 of the Social Security Act. I, Bettina Lehnert, PhD, have opted out of participating in Medicare as a provider.
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative accept full responsibility for payment of charges for all services furnished by Dr. Bettina Lehnert.
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative understand that Medicare limits do not apply to what Dr. Bettina Lehnert may charge for items or services furnished.
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative agree not to submit a claim to Medicare or to ask Dr. Bettina Lehnert to submit a claim to Medicare.
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative understand that Medicare payment will not be made for any items or services furnished by Dr. Bettina Lehnert that would have otherwise been covered by Medicare if there was no private contract and a proper Medicare claim had been submitted.
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative enter into this contract with the knowledge that I have the right to obtain Medicare-covered items and services from a physician and/or practitioner who has not opted-out of Medicare, and that the I am 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 expected or known effective date and expected or known expiration date of the opt-out period is October 1, 2013 (effective date) and October 1, 2015 (expiration date).
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative understand that Medigap plans do not, and that other supplemental plans may elect not to, make payments for items and services not paid for by Medicare.
- This contract cannot be entered into by myself, the Medicare beneficiary, or by my legal representative during a time when I, the Medicare beneficiary, require emergency care services or urgent care services. (However, a physician/practitioner may furnish emergency or urgent care services to a Medicare beneficiary in accordance with §3044.28 of the Medicare Carriers Manual)
- I the Medicare beneficiary or my legal representative will receive or have received a copy (a photocopy is permissible) of this contract, before items or services are furnished to me under the terms of this contract.
- I Dr. Bettina Lehnert will retain the original contract (original signatures of both parties required) for the duration of the opt-out period.
- I Dr. Bettina Lehnert will supply CMS with a copy of this contract upon request.
- I Dr. Bettina Lehnert understand that the current private contract remains in effect for two years. If I again opt-out of Medicare, I will expediently complete a new contract for each Medicare beneficiary and will expediently submit the appropriate affidavit(s) to all local Medicare carriers.

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Medicare Beneficiary Name (Printed)

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Medicare ID Number (On Card)

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Beneficiary Signature

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Date Signed

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Bettina Lehnert, PhD

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Date Signed