

Opt Out Affidavits Methodology

Physicians and practitioners who do not wish to enroll in the Medicare program may “opt-out” of Medicare. This means that neither the physician, nor the beneficiary submits the bill to Medicare for services rendered. Instead, the beneficiary pays the physician out-of-pocket and neither party is reimbursed by Medicare. A private contract is signed between the physician and the beneficiary that states, that neither one can receive payment from Medicare for the services that were performed.

- Opt-out periods last for two years and cannot be terminated early unless you are opting out for the very first time and you terminate your opt-out no later than 90 days after the effective date of your first opt-out period.
- Physicians and practitioners may NOT opt-out if they intend to be a Medicare Advantage (Part C) provider or furnish services covered by traditional Medicare fee-for- service (Part B).