

BETHESDA PHYSICIANS, P.C.
MEDICARE PRIVATE CONTRACT

I AGREE, UNDERSTAND, AND EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING:

- Jane H. Chretien, M.D., F.A.C.P.; Veronica DiFresco, M.D.; Delia R. Fine, M.D., F.A.C.P.; and Erica W. Hwang, M.D., F.A.C.P. have opted out of the Medicare program effective April 1, 2020, for a period of two years, through March 31, 2022. Drs. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, and Hwang are required to enter into a new Medicare Private Contract with me for each 2-year period that they are opted out of the Medicare program.
- Neither Bethesda Physicians, P.C. (the “Practice”) nor Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang are excluded from participating in Medicare Part B under Sections 1128, 1156, or 1892 or any other section of the Social Security Act.
- I accept full responsibility for payment of the Practice’s charges for all items and services furnished to me by the Practice or by Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang.
- Medicare fee limitations do not apply to what the Practice or Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang may charge for items and services any of them provides to me.
- I will not submit a claim (or request that the Practice or Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang submit a claim) to the Medicare program for payment for any items and services provided to me by the Practice or by Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang, even if the items and services are covered by Medicare Part B.
- Medicare payment will not be made for any items and services provided to me by the Practice or by Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang, even if those items and services would have otherwise been covered by Medicare if I had not signed this Medicare Private Contract, and a proper Medicare claim had been submitted.
- I enter into this Medicare Private Contract with the knowledge that I have the right to obtain Medicare-covered items and services from physicians and practitioners who have not opted out of Medicare, and that 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 of Medicare.
- Medigap plans do not provide payment for items and services not paid for by Medicare (such as any items and services provided to me by the Practice or by Dr. Chretien, DiFresco, Fine, or Hwang), and other supplemental plans may likewise deny payment or for such items and services.

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- I am not currently in an emergency or urgent health care situation, and do not currently require emergency care or urgent health care services.
- A copy of this Medicare Private Contract has been provided to me in advance of my receipt of items and services from the Practice, and the original signed document will be retained by the Practice.
- This Medicare Private Contract is effective as of April 1, 2020.

Patient Name (*please print*)

Jane H. Chretien, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Patient Signature

Date: _____

Date: _____

Veronica DiFresco, M.D.

Date: _____

Delia R. Fine, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Date: _____

Erica W. Hwang, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Date: _____