

PATIENT NOTIFICATION OF MEDICARE NON-PARTICIPATION

Dear Medicare patient:

Dental services are NOT covered by Medicare.

Please be advised that Dr. Thomas Ying is not a provider for Medicare.

In certain cases Medicare coverage IS available for some related treatment procedures. Cysts of the oral region, tumors, biopsies of growths in the oral cavity, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) problems and traumatic injuries such as jaw fractures, could qualify for possible benefit coverage from the Medicare program.

If your case involves any of the above mentioned procedures, you have the OPTION of selecting a Medicare provider/participant for your treatment. You must make this decision prior to being treated by Dr. Thomas Ying.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN:

I have been informed that Dr. Thomas Ying is not a participant in the Medicare program. I understand and agree that I am therefore responsible for payment of services rendered by Dr. Thomas Ying.

Patient signature or legal guardian signature

Date

Witness signature (to be signed by Dr. Ying's Staff)

Date

Advance Notice to People with Medicare:

Medicare Will NOT Pay for Most Dental Care Services

When you receive dental services that are not Medicare benefits, you are responsible to pay for them personally or through any other insurance you may have. Medicare does not pay for all of your health care costs. Medicare only pays for covered benefits. When services (for example, most dental care services) are not Medicare covered benefits, Medicare will not pay for them.

The purpose of this advance notice is to help you make an informed choice about whether or not you want to receive these dental services, knowing that you will have to pay for them yourself.
We do not send claims to Medicare for dental care, including biopsies.

Before you make a decision, you should read this entire notice carefully. We will provide you a financial estimate for the cost of our dental services prior to proceeding with your proposed treatment plan.

- **The Medicare program does not cover most routine dental services.**
The Medicare law clearly excludes coverage “for services in connection with the care, treatment, filling, removal or replacement of teeth or structures directly supporting teeth” and dentists may not be required to submit Medicare claims for such services.
- **A narrow exception permits coverage of certain dental services that are necessary to the provision of certain Medicare covered medical services.**
For example, Medicare may cover the following services: *
 - Extraction of a tooth as part of a repair of a fractured jaw.
 - Maxillofacial surgery for pathological or traumatic medical conditions (for example, in case of a serious injury).
 - Prosthetic rehabilitation to replace or treat certain oral and/or facial structures related to covered medical and surgical interventions (for example, cancer surgery).
 - Extraction of teeth prior to radiation treatment of the jaw.
 - Oral examination prior to kidney transplantation.
 - Biopsy of lesion in the mouth
- **Medicare may also cover certain medical procedures that dentists are licensed to perform (for example, a biopsy for oral cancer). ***

* This is not an all-inclusive list. These examples are for illustrative purposes.

We do not accept or bill Medicare. If the recommended treatment is a covered benefit from Medicare, you will need to find an office that accepts Medicare. If you elect to have treatment here, you will be responsible for the fee.

If you have any additional questions concerning Medicare coverage for dental services, you can contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



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The official Medicare program provisions are contained in relevant laws, regulations, and rulings.