IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MEDICARE AND CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT

Dear Patient,

We enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to provide you with comprehensive primary care. Medicare has identified the care of chronic health conditions as an important goal. Chronic conditions are ongoing medical problems that must be managed effectively in a partnership between the health care team and the patient to maintain the best possible health. Examples include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, depression, and others. Effective Jan. 1, 2015, federal regulations now enable Medicare to pay for chronic care management.

What is chronic care management?
Your physician and primary care team will carefully monitor and provide comprehensive care for your chronic health conditions in a systematic way to supplement regular office visit care.

How can you benefit from chronic care management?

- You will have 24/7 access to your primary care team.
- You will have preventive care services scheduled, many of which are covered by Medicare, and your medications will be closely monitored.
- You will receive a personalized, comprehensive plan of care for all of your health issues.
- Your care will be coordinated by your physician and staff, including care you may receive at other locations, such as specialists’ offices, the hospital, other health care facilities, or your home.

What do you need to know before signing up?

- Understand that this care requires you to pay approximately $8 to $9 (your Medicare coinsurance amount) to your primary care practice each month that you receive chronic care management. The service is also subject to your Medicare deductible.
- You must sign an agreement to receive this type of chronic care management.

Please let us know if you have questions about this new benefit or would like to receive the one-page agreement form.

Sincerely,
D.C. Allison, M.D.
AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE MEDICARE CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

As of Jan. 1, 2015, Medicare covers chronic care management services provided by physician practices per calendar month. I understand that my primary care physician, named below, is willing to provide such services to me, including the following:

- Access to my care team 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, including telephone access and other non-face-to-face means of communication (e.g., email),
- The ability to get successive, routine appointments with my designated primary care physician or member of my care team,
- Care management of my chronic conditions, including timely scheduling of all recommended preventive care services, medication reconciliation, and oversight of my medication management,
- Creation of a comprehensive plan of care for all my health issues that is specific to me and congruent with my choices and values,
- Management of my care as I move between and among health care providers and settings, including the following:
  - Referrals to other health care providers,
  - Follow-up after I visit an emergency department,
  - Follow-up after I am discharged from the hospital or other facility (e.g., skilled nursing facility),
- Coordination with home- and community-based providers of clinical services.

I understand that as part of these services I will receive a copy of my comprehensive plan of care.

I also understand that I can revoke this agreement at any time (effective at the end of a calendar month) and can choose, instead, to receive these services from another health care professional after the calendar month in which I revoke this agreement. Medicare will only pay one physician or health care professional to furnish me chronic care management services within a given calendar month.

I understand these chronic care management services are subject to the usual Medicare deductible and coinsurance applied to physician services.

I hereby indicate by signature on this agreement that [signature] D.C. Allison M.D. is designated as my primary care physician for purposes of providing Medicare chronic care management services to me and billing for them.

My signature also authorizes my primary care physician to electronically communicate my medical information with other treating providers as part of the care coordination involved in chronic care management services.

This designation is effective as of the date below and remains in effect until revoked by me.

Patient name (please print): ________________________________

Patient or guardian signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________