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IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is illegal and a breach of contract for a physician to waive deductible and co-payment charges to beneficiaries for items and services.

A deductible is the amount that must be paid before the insurance company or Medicare pay for any items or services for that individual.

A co-payment is the portion of the cost of an item or service that the individual must pay.

Payment is expected at the time of service.

Routine waiver of deductibles and co-payments charges is unlawful due to the fact it results in:

1. False claims
2. Violations of the Anti-kickback statute; and
3. Excessive utilization of items and services paid for by insurance companies and Medicare.

The only exception to the waiver of the deductible or co-payments charge by a physician is in consideration of a particular patient's financial hardship. These are given only under very special circumstances, and documentation of the hardship is absolutely necessary.

Submission of a claim where a physician has routinely waived deductible and co-payment charges subjects that physician to criminal, civil, or administrative liability.

These are Federal Laws:

18 U.S.C. 287 and 101
31 U.S.C. 3729
41 U.S.C. 1320a-7a
41 U.S.C. 1320-7 (b) (6) (B)
42 U.S.C. 1320a-7 (b) (7)

PLEASE DO NOT ASK US TO BREAK THE LAW