

# **Important Notice for Medicare Patients**

## **Self Administrable Drugs for Medicare Outpatients**

Medicare provides limited benefits for outpatient drugs. Drugs that are usually self administered, by the patient, such as those in pill or tablet form, or are used for self-injection, are generally not covered by Part B Medicare.

If a charge for a particular drug is denied because the drug is subject to the “self-administered drug” exclusion, you will be responsible for the charge on your bill. You may file an appeal with Medicare on any charges denied under the “self-administered drug” exclusion.

If you have elected to enroll in the new Part D Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, you will need to file a claim with them for reimbursement for your medication. Our hospital is required by Medicare to bill you directly for prescription and over-the-counter drugs administered to you during your visit. If you think your medications will be covered by your Part D Plan, you can file an out-of-network claim with your Prescription Drug Plan to be reimbursed for these drugs. Our hospital is considered out-of-network because the Part D Plans were intended for Retail Pharmacies and we are not licensed as such.

Please refer any Part D specific questions back to the Prescription Drug Plan with which you have enrolled.

If you have any questions concerning Medicare coverage of drugs, please refer to your Medicare Handbook or call 1-800-Medicare.