

**2010 Medicare Fee Schedule through 2-28-10** (posted by WPS on 12/31/09)

	Code	Par	Non Par	Limiting
	98940	22.59	21.46	24.68
#	98940	19.20	18.24	20.98
	98941	31.41	29.84	34.32
#	98941	28.03	26.63	30.62
	98942	41.07	39.02	44.87
#	98942	37.69	35.81	41.18

# = what to charge when the procedure is done in a facility setting, such as a hospital or nursing home

Each year providers have an opportunity to become "Medicare participating providers" or to discontinue their participation. The annual enrollment period is usually 45 days in length and generally begins in mid-November, to become effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. The participation (or non-participation) status of a provider will remain in effect through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and will renew automatically for the next 12-month period unless the provider gives written notice of his or her intent to change their status during the enrollment period.

Due to recent revisions that were made to the 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the 2010 Annual Participation Enrollment Program end date from December 31, 2009, to **January 31, 2010** – therefore, the enrollment period now runs from November 13, 2009, through January 31, 2010. The effective date for any Participation status change during the extension, however, remains January 1, 2010; and will be in force for the entire year.

If you are currently a Medicare participating physician and you decide to become non-participating, you need to notify your carrier (Wisconsin Physician Service) of your status change in writing by December 31, 2009. No specific form is required. If you wish to switch from non-participating to participating, you need to submit form CMS-460 to their Part B carrier or Medicare administrative contractor. The form and more information are available at <http://tinyurl.com/5jp57a>.

Par (Participating Physician): A doctor who agrees to accept assignment on all Medicare claims. These doctors may bill only for Medicare deductible and/or coinsurance amounts.

Non Par (Nonparticipating Physician): A doctor who does not accept assignment on all Medicare claims.. Non par doctors are still required to bill Medicare.

Limiting (Limiting Charge): The limiting charge is the maximum amount that most non-participating providers are allowed to charge for services to a Medicare beneficiary on an unassigned basis. The limiting charge does not apply to participating providers, non-participating providers when assignment is accepted, and some non-physician practitioner specialties that are required to bill on an assigned basis.

Assignment: In the Original Medicare Plan, this means a doctor agrees to accept the Medicare-approved amount as full payment. If a patient is in the Original Medicare Plan, it can save them money if the doctor accepts assignment. Patients still pay their share of the cost of the doctor's visit.

Opting Out of Medicare: Opting out of Medicare is not an option for Doctors of Chiropractic. Note that opting out and being non-participating are not the same thing. Chiropractors may decide to be participating or non-participating with regard to Medicare, but they may not opt out.

For more information go to the Wisconsin Physician Service (WPS) website at [www.wpsmedicare.com](http://www.wpsmedicare.com) or call WPS at (866) 503-3807.