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Beneficiary Notification Letter

_____ is participating in Medicare's
Radiation Oncology Model

Why did I get this letter?

You got this letter because your health care provider found that you may be eligible to receive care in a Medicare program called the Radiation Oncology Model. Hospital outpatient departments, physician group practices, and freestanding radiation therapy centers in the Radiation Oncology Model work with Medicare to improve cancer care for patients receiving radiotherapy (radiation therapy or RT) services.

_____ is taking part in this Model.

What does this mean for me?

First, please know that **your Medicare rights and benefits haven't changed.**

If you receive care in the Radiation Oncology Model, you'll still have all the same Medicare rights and protections you've always had, including the right to choose which health care provider you see.

The Radiation Oncology Model shouldn't limit your access to care or your freedom to choose your health care providers and services.

Because _____ is in the Radiation Oncology Model, all of

_____ 's Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible will get their care under the Model, unless they choose not to.

Choosing not to get care in the Radiation Oncology Model

If you don't want to get your care in the Radiation Oncology Model, then you have to choose a different health care provider who isn't in the Model. If you don't want to get your care in the Model and choose a different health care provider, you'll no longer get care from

_____. If you choose a different health care provider, you may need to drive a greater distance to get your care. To find a different health care provider, visit www.Medicare.gov/physiciancompare, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

It's important to know that **no matter which health care provider you see, Medicare will continue to cover your medically necessary care.**



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What do I need to know about the Radiation Oncology Model?

The goals of the Model

For you and others like you who get certain RT services, the goals of the Radiation Oncology Model are to:

- Make your care better.
- Help you get the right care at the right time.

Medicare will follow _____ to make sure you and the others in the Model are getting quality care. Medicare will regularly send _____ information about its efforts in the program.

How the Model works

Medicare will pay _____ a set price for the RT services given to you during your 90-day episode of care regardless of how many RT services you get. You'll still have to pay your coinsurance amount for the RT services that you get from _____. Your coinsurance amount will still be 20 percent of the price of the RT services. Because Medicare pays a set price under the Model, your coinsurance amount for the RT services that you receive from _____ may be more or less than what you'd pay for these same RT services from a provider who is not in the Model. If you have a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, then it may help to cover the coinsurance amount for the RT services that you get from _____. A Medigap policy may also help to cover the coinsurance amount for RT services from a provider who's not in the Model.

What should I know about my Medicare claims data?

Medicare offers to send Medicare claims data to the health care providers in the Model, including _____. Medicare claims data are offered because they give _____ a summary of when and how you and others with Medicare use health care. The health care providers in the Model will use this data to coordinate care and improve quality.

Each type of medical, surgical, or diagnostic service you get has its own billing code. These billing codes are used on a claims form _____ and/or other health care providers send to Medicare to get paid.



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Unless you tell Medicare not to share your data,

_____ will be able to receive Medicare claims data about you and all of its other Medicare patients who also do not ask us not to share their data.

Telling Medicare not to share data

If you don't want your Medicare claims data shared with

_____ to coordinate care and improve quality, then **you must let** _____ **know.**

Once you notify _____ that you don't want your Medicare claims data shared,

_____ has to send Medicare a written notice of your decision within 30 days.

Whether or not you want to share your Medicare claims data,

_____ should keep giving you the right care at the right time.

Will I be able to give Medicare my feedback?

Medicare may mail you a survey about your services and care from

_____. You may also get a follow-up phone call for more information about your survey answers. Your feedback will help make care better for all people with Medicare who receive RT services.

How can I learn more?

For more information about the Radiation Oncology Model, you can:

- Visit <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/radiation-oncology-model>
- Call _____ at _____
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-663-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048

What if I have concerns?

If you have concerns or complaints about your care, talk to your health care provider, or contact your Beneficiary and Family Centered Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO).

You can go to www.Medicare.gov/contacts or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-663-4227) to get your BFCC-QIO's phone number.

You can also find local BFCC-QIO contact information here:

<https://www.qioprogram.org/locate-your-qio>.