



Chronic Care Management

Dear Patient / Caregiver:

I would like to invite you to participate in our new program. Chronic Care Management involves care that occurs between appointments such as phone calls, faxes, e-mails, prescription refills, prior authorizations, and communications with other members of your care team.

- Medicare now allows us to offer you this new program.
- Care has previously been fragmented where many different clinicians are treating the patient, but rarely do any of them communicate with each other. This program helps solve this problem.
- This enhanced care program proactively treats the patient between their regularly scheduled office visits.
- Medicare studies have shown that enrolling in the chronic care management program lessens the chance of hospitalization and reduces the chance of readmission. This, in turn, saves you money while benefiting your overall health and quality of life.
- Medicare is picking up the cost for this program. Standard copay and deductibles apply. Some, but not all, supplemental / secondary insurances pick up the copay. This cost share would most commonly be \$8 per month if not covered by a secondary. This copay would only apply on months when more than 20 minutes of services were rendered.
- If less than 20 minutes of services are needed during a given month, then Medicare is not billed.
- For the first month and first month only, there is a Medicare covered initiation fee. The copay for this would be \$13 if your secondary insurance doesn't cover chronic care management.
- Cancel at any time; there is no long-term contract.

Please return the consent form today. You can give it to us in person, **call us to give us verbal consent (ok to leave voice mail consent 24 hours a day) at (850) 897-1223 x201**, email it to bluewatermedicine@gmail.com, fax to 1-888-423-5018, or mail it to Kenneth W Ponder MD PA, 4566 E Hwy 20 Ste 103, Niceville, FL 32578.

The program is optional, however most patients should sign up , as without it face to face appointments will be needed for all services chronic care management would otherwise cover.

If you have any questions please contact us at the contact numbers above.

Sincerely, Kenneth W Ponder MD

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