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Diplomate,  
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Diplomate,  
National Dental Board of  
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International Association of  
Oral and Maxillofacial  
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American Dental Society of  
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### Exceptional Care

- Wisdom Teeth /  
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- Dental Implants
- Bone / Soft Tissue  
Grafting
- Oral / Facial Pathology
- Pediatric Surgery
- TMJ / Facial Pain
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- Orthognathic Surgery /  
Facial Reconstruction
- Facial Trauma
- Facial Esthetic Surgery /  
Botox/Fillers
- Laser
- Office Based Sedation /  
General Anesthesia

To My Medicare Eligible Patients:

This is to let you know that under a law passed by Congress in 2003, I have decided not to participate in the Medicare system. I believe this decision will allow me to provide the best possible care to you, at fees we agree upon. This also permits us to proceed with your treatment without worrying about Medicare limitations or red tape. Very little dental care is covered by Medicare, and it's unfortunately very difficult for my office to handle all of the paperwork and red tape of this complex governmental structure. My non-participation in Medicare means that you will pay me directly. For this to happen, the law requires us to enter into a contract containing very specific terms.

If you agree that this approach will work for your needs as well, please sign and date the attached contract. I certainly will understand if you decide that you do not wish to sign the contract. Please simply note that this would mean I regrettably would be unable to perform any Medicare-covered procedures for you.

Thank you for your understanding. I value you as a patient and value our professional relationship and hope this letter helps you understand the situation.

### **What Dental Services Are Covered Under Medicare?**

Medicare does not cover most routine dental services and the program will not pay for non-covered services. In fact, the Medicare law expressly excludes "...services in connection with the care, treatment, filling, removal, or replacement of teeth or structures directly supporting teeth, except that payment may be made under part A in the case of inpatient hospital services in connection with the provision of such dental services if the individual, because of his underlying medical condition and clinical status or because of the severity of the dental procedure, requires hospitalization in connection with the provision of such services."<sup>1</sup> Medicare Part A provides benefits for certain in-hospital services and Part B provides benefits for certain doctors' services, hospital outpatient services and home health care.

With regard to covered procedures or services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency with Medicare jurisdiction, indicates that:

- In general, Medicare-covered services that are within the scope of practice (as defined by the states) for a physician as well as a dentist are covered when provided by a dentist.
- Medicare will pay for dental services that are an integral part of a covered procedure (e.g., reconstruction of the jaw following accidental injury).
- Extractions of teeth are covered under Part B if such extractions are necessary to prepare the jaw for radiation treatment of cancer.
- Inpatient oral exams, but not treatment, are covered under Part A prior to renal transplant surgery.
- The brush biopsy used for oral cancer screening may be covered under Part B.

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## MEDICARE PRIVATE CONTRACT

This contract is between Dr. Godfrey Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D. ("Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon") and \_\_\_\_\_ (Medicare beneficiary, referred to in this contract as "Patient").

Dr. Funari has elected to opt out of Medicare. An Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon who opts out is not allowed to submit claims on behalf of beneficiaries and is not subject to Medicare limits on charges for covered services.

1. Dr. Funari represents that he is not excluded from participation under the Medicare program under §1128, 1156 or 1892 of the Social Security Act or pursuant to any other legal authority.
2. Patient (or Patient's legal representative) and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon agree that Patient is not now facing an emergency or urgent health care situation.
3. By signing this contract, Patient (or Patient's legal representative) does the following:
  - a. accepts full responsibility for payment of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon's charge for all services furnished by Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon;
  - b. understands that Medicare limits do not apply to what the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon may charge for items or services furnished by the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon;
  - c. agrees not to submit a claim to Medicare or to ask Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon to submit a claim to Medicare;
  - d. understands that Medicare payment will not be made for any items or services furnished by Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon that would have otherwise been covered by Medicare if there was no private contract and a proper Medicare claim had been submitted;
  - e. enters into this contract with the knowledge that Patient has the right to obtain Medicare covered items and services from dentists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, physicians, and practitioners who have not opted out of Medicare, and that Patient is not compelled to enter into private contracts that apply to other Medicare covered services furnished by other dentists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, physicians, or practitioners who have not opted out;
  - f. understands that Medigap plans do not, and that other supplemental plans may elect not to, make payments for items and services not paid for by Medicare

This contract shall remain in force and effect from the date it is signed by Patient until the end of the term of the Dentist's current opt out period.

Accepted and Agreed: \_\_\_\_\_ Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

Accepted and Agreed: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient or Patient's Legal Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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