

**To our Medicare Patients,**

**Thank you for joining us here at our practice. Medicare regulations require us to inform you that Medicare may not pay for many preventative services, including yearly exams, Pap smears and screening bloodwork. At the present time, Medicare will pay for a pelvic/breast exam and a pap smear every other year. There may be exceptions to this if you have certain high risk factors. Medicare will pay for a bone density test every two years. They will pay for a mammogram yearly after the age of 50.**

**You will be responsible for your bill if you have a service that Medicare will not cover. If you have a secondary insurance, it is important to find out if they will pay for services that are not covered by Medicare.**

**We will do our best to help you with any questions you might have about your bill. It is illegal for us to code your visit with any diagnosis except for the appropriate one that brought you to the office. If we attempt to lie about your visit to Medicare, we are committing fraud.**

**Sincerely,**

**Dianne C. Stone, MD**

**I have read and I understand the above.**

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**Signature**

**Date**