

## Important information if you are a Medicare Beneficiary

*Please read the following document to determine if we are able to see you at ProBalance.*

**Background:** Federal law **does not allow** physical therapists to opt-out of the Medicare program. ProBalance, Inc. does not have a relationship with Medicare (i.e. non-enrolled with Medicare). However, according to federal law, if a licensed physical therapist is providing treatment interventions to a Medicare beneficiary that IS a *covered* service under Medicare, the physical therapist *must* submit the claim to Medicare for that covered service. If a physical therapist accepts payment directly from a patient for a *covered* service under Medicare without submitting the claim and/or if the patient submits the claim, ProBalance could be subject to federal investigation and financial and other penalties.

Because of these federal laws, we need to ensure we understand your intention for seeking services from a physical therapist at ProBalance.

**Please Select Which Best Describes YOUR intention in seeking a Physical Therapist at ProBalance.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ **You are seeking physical therapy TREATMENT** or interventions that can only be administered by a skilled licensed physical therapist and not general wellness that could be performed by an unlicensed professional (fitness Pilates teacher, fitness trainer, etc) and/or you have a current physical therapy prescription for a specific diagnosis to be treated.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ **You are seeking WELLNESS/GENERAL FITNESS/MAINTENANCE** services that are not medically necessary but to be administered by a physical therapist at ProBalance. This can include sports or performance training (golf, etc.) However, you would feel just as comfortable seeing a non-licensed professional (fitness Pilates teacher, fitness trainer, etc.) administering these types of interventions as you're requesting.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ You are currently are seeing a physical therapist who is billing to Medicare at another facility, you have exceeded your Medicare physical therapy benefits for the calendar year or you do not have Medicare physical therapy benefits outside of Kaiser, or you have been discharged from a physical therapist and/or MD for your diagnosis and are now seeking to supplement your gains with optional additional interventions by a physical therapist that are not covered by Medicare.

If you select A, the physical therapists at ProBalance, Inc. will NOT be able to see you, but can help guide you to facilities that do bill Medicare.

If you select B, you may be seen by a physical therapist or fitness/wellness Pilates teacher at ProBalance.

If you select C, it is possible that you may be able to see a physical therapist, but we will need to confirm first.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_