

# MFTs and Medicare Flow Chart

All LMFTs (and LPCCs) need to decide what relationship they will have with Medicare. Review this flow chart to find out what steps you need to take regarding Medicare and when.

(Note: Even MFTs who want to opt out of Medicare must take affirmative steps to secure their opt out status)

Do you want to be involved with the Medicare system?

If the answer is "no", then take the following steps to become an opted-out provider:

1. Visit the Medicare Corner of CAMFT's website to access information about the following:
  - a. An opt-out affidavit (Note: providers may now mail their opt out affidavit to the appropriate MAC or MACs); AND
  - b. A private contract template to give to Medicare eligible patients who you can only see based on a private[1]pay relationship. (Note: You may choose to draft your own private pay contract instead of using the one provided by your MAC, but the contract must include the provisions required by law.); AND
  - c. A copy of CAMFT's Informed Consent template and instructions which includes the information you should provide to your patients about Medicare and your provider eligibility.

If the answer is "I don't know/ I haven't decided," then take the following steps:

1. Register for CAMFT's upcoming Medicare webinars by going to the Medicare Corner on CAMFT's website.
2. Read more about the Medicare system and MFTs and Medicare by going to the Medicare Corner on CAMFT's website.

If the answer is yes, then take the following steps to become a participating provider:

1. Visit the CAMFT's Medicare Corner and read the article Deciding What Relationship to Have With Medicare.

2. If you want to become a Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Provider, do the following: a. Go to the Medicare Corner to access CAMFT's Medicare Provider Enrollment Guide. Instructions on how to complete the four-step provider enrollment process can also be found under the Medicare Fee-For-Service Provider Enrollment Information Page on CAMFT's Medicare Corner.

3. If you want to become a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan provider, visit the Medicare Advantage section of CAMFT's Medicare Corner for details about the MA provider enrollment process. **This process is separate from the Medicare Fee-For-Service provider enrollment process and MA providers are not required to become FFS providers.**

4. Register for CAMFT's 6-part webinar series on Medicare



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