APPOINTMENT OF	F REPRESENTAT	IVE	
Name of Party		dedicare Number (beneficiary as party) or National Provider Identifier provider or supplier as party)	
Section 1: Appointment of Representative	I		
To be completed by the party seeking representation (i.e., the	Medicare beneficiary, t	he provider or the supplier):	
I appoint the individual named in Section 2 to act as my representate XVIII of the Social Security Act (the "Act") and related property request; to present or to elicit evidence; to obtain appeals claim, appeal, grievance or request wholly in my stead. I under may be disclosed to the representative indicated below.	ovisions of Title XI of the information; and to rec	e Act. I authorize this individual to make eive any notice in connection with my	
Signature of Party Seeking Representation		Date	
Street Address		Phone Number (with Area Code)	
City	State	Zip Code	
Email Address (optional)	Fax Number (op:	Fax Number (optional)	
Section 2: Acceptance of Appointment			
To be completed by the representative:			
disqualified, suspended, or prohibited from practice before the not, as a current or former employee of the United States, disc recognize that any fee may be subject to review and approval I am a / an	e Department of Health qualified from acting as by the Secretary.		
(Professional status or relationship to the party, e.	g. attorney, relative, etc.)		
Signature of Representative		Date	
Street Address		Phone Number (with Area Code)	
City	State	Zip Code	
Email Address (optional)	Fax Number (op	Fax Number (optional)	
Section 3: Waiver of Fee for Representation			
Instructions: This section must be completed if the representation representation. (Note that providers or suppliers that are representation and must complete this section and must complete this section.)	esenting a beneficiary ar		
I waive my right to charge and collect a fee for representing $\_$ HHS.		before the Secretary of	
Signature		Date	
Section 4: Waiver of Payment for Items or Services	at Issue		
Instructions: Providers or suppliers serving as a representative must complete this section if the appeal involves a question o (2) generally addresses whether a provider/supplier or benefici know, that the items or services at issue would not be covered	f liability under section ary did not know, or co	<b>1879(a)(2) of the Act.</b> (Section 1879(a)	
I waive my right to collect payment from the beneficiary for the liability under §1879(a)(2) of the Act is at issue.	ne items or services at iss	sue in this appeal if a determination of	
Signature		Date	

# INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

#### Instructions

Name of Party (required): This is the name of the person or entity which has standing to file a claim or appeal (the name of the person who has Medicare, or the name of the provider or supplier).

Medicare Number or National Provider Identifier (required): This must be completed when the person or entity appointing a representative has a Medicare number or National Provider Identifier. If not applicable, fill in, "not applicable".

All fields in Sections 1 and 2 are required unless noted as optional within the field. See the regulation at 42 CFR 405.910.

## Charging of Fees for Representing Beneficiaries before the Secretary of HHS

An attorney, or other representative for a beneficiary, who wishes to charge a fee for services rendered in connection with an appeal before the Secretary of HHS (i.e., an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hearing or attorney adjudicator review by the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA), Medicare Appeals Council review, or a proceeding before OMHA or the Medicare Appeals Council as a result of a remand from federal district court) is required to obtain approval of the fee in accordance with 42 CFR 405.910(f).

The form, OMHA-118, "Petition to Obtain Approval of a Fee for Representing a Beneficiary" elicits the information required for a fee petition. It should be completed by the representative and filed with the request for ALJ hearing, OMHA review, or request for Medicare Appeals Council review. Approval of a representative's fee is not required if: (1) the appellant being represented is a provider or supplier; (2) the fee is for services rendered in an official capacity such as that of legal guardian, committee, or similar court appointed representative and the court has approved the fee in question; (3) the fee is for representation of a beneficiary in a proceeding in federal district court; or (4) the fee is for representation of a beneficiary in a redetermination or reconsideration. If the representative wishes to waive a fee, he or she may do so. The form, OMHA-118, may be found at: <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/OMHA-118.pdf">https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/OMHA-118.pdf</a>

## **Approval of Fee**

The requirement for the approval of fees ensures that a representative will receive fair value for the services performed before HHS on behalf of a beneficiary, and provides the beneficiary with a measure of security that the fees are determined to be reasonable. In approving a requested fee, OMHA or Medicare Appeals Council will consider the nature and type of services rendered, the complexity of the case, the level of skill and competence required in rendition of the services, the amount of time spent on the case, the results achieved, the level of administrative review to which the representative carried the appeal and the amount of the fee requested by the representative.

## **Conflict of Interest**

Sections 203, 205 and 207 of Title XVIII of the United States Code make it a criminal offense for certain officers, employees and former officers and employees of the United States to render certain services in matters affecting the Government or to aid or assist in the prosecution of claims against the United States. Individuals with a conflict of interest are excluded from being representatives of beneficiaries before HHS.

## Where to Send This Form

Send this form to the same location where you are sending (or have already sent) your: appeal if you are filing an appeal, grievance or complaint if you are filing a grievance or complaint, or an initial determination or decision if you are requesting an initial determination or decision. If additional help is needed, contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227, TTY users call 1-877-486-2048), or your Medicare plan.

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice">https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice</a>, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. También están disponibles de forma gratuita ayuda y servicios auxiliares apropiados para proporcionar información en formatos accesibles. Llame al 1-833-627-8252 (TTY: 1-800-735-2929) o hable con su proveedor (Spanish).

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ՈՒՇԱԴՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ. Եթե խոսում եք հայերեն, Դուք կարող եք օգտվել լեզվական աջակցության անվճար ծառայություններից։ Մատչելի ձևաչափերով տեղեկատվություն տրամադրելու համապատասխան օժանդակ միջոցներն ու ծառայությունները նույնպես տրամադրվում են անվճար։ Ձանգահարեք 1-833-627-8252 հեռախոսահամարով (TTY՝ 1-800-735-2929) կամ խոսեք Ձեր մատակարարի հետ (Armenian)։

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