Medicare Opting Out?

Chiropractors **can not** opt-out of Medicare.
Opting out is an option for some provider types
so that they can bill the patient directly and
not submit to Medicare, but this is not allowed for this specialty.
More can be read about this at:
https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/enrollment/opt-out#providers_eligible_to_opt_out

There are two ways that a Chiropractor can be in Medicare's system.
Participating Provider or Non-Participating Provider.

Participating (Par) is when the Chiropractor accepts what Medicare pays
as well as any patient portion that is obtained from the patient or a supplemental policy.

Non-Participating (Non-Par) is when the Chiropractor can choose
to accept assignment (accept what Medicare pays) or
not accept assignment on a case by case basis
(can charge the patient upfront for 15% above Medicare's allowed amount).

If the Chiropractor is not in the Medicare system as (Par or Non-Par)
the Chiropractor may not treat the patient at all legally, even on a cash basis.
The patient should seek care from a Medicare provider.

Exception: If the patient has signed the ABN, it is a covered service (manipulation),
it is maintenance care, the DC is enrolled in Medicare as a Par or Non-Par,
and the patient selects the "do not bill" section.

The fees are still limited to the "limited charge" for the covered service.