



FINANCIAL POLICY

We are pleased that you have chosen us as your healthcare provider. To avoid any misunderstandings and ensure timely payment for services, it is important that you understand your financial responsibilities with respect to your health care.

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY

Patients or their legal representative are ultimately responsible for all charges for services provided. We expect your payment at the time of your visit for all charges owed for that visit as well as any prior balance. When the insurance plan provides immediate information regarding patient responsibility, we may request payment for your share when you schedule and/or when you present for your appointment. As a convenience to you, we can save a credit card on file to settle your account when you check in or out. You may receive an estimate for your patient responsibility prior to or at the time of your service. If there is a difference in the estimated patient responsibility, we will send you a statement for any balance due. If a credit balance results after insurance pays, we will apply the credit to any open balance on your account. If there are no open balances, we will issue a refund.

If you have an Annual Wellness Visit or Physical/Preventative Exam, but need or request additional services, we may bill you for those additional services. All services for patients who are minors will be billed to the custodial parent or legal guardian. If you are uninsured and demonstrate financial need and complete the required paperwork, financial assistance may be available. If you have a large balance, a payment plan may be available.

CARD-ON-FILE PROCESS

You may be requested to provide a credit card when you check-in for your visit. The information will be held securely until your insurance has paid their share and notified us of any additional amount owed by you. At that time, we will notify you that your outstanding balance will be charged to your credit card five (5) days from

the date of the notice. You may call our office if you have a question about your balance. We will send you a receipt for the charge.

This “Card-on-File” program simplifies payment for you and eases the administrative burden on your provider’s office. It reduces paperwork and ultimately helps lower the cost of healthcare. Your statements will be available via your patient portal and our Customer Support line is available to answer any questions about the balance due. If you have any questions about the card-on-file payment method, please let us know.

INSURANCE

We ask all patients to provide their insurance card (if applicable) and proof of identification (such as a photo ID or driver’s license) at every visit. If you do not provide current proof of insurance, you may be billed as an uninsured patient (i.e., self-pay). We accept assignment of benefits for many third party carriers, so in most cases, we will submit charges for services rendered to your insurance carrier. You are expected to pay the entire amount determined by your insurance to be the patient responsibility. Keep in mind that our fees are for physician services only; you may receive additional bills from laboratory, radiology or other diagnostic related providers.

You are responsible for understanding the limitations of your insurance policy, including:

- If a referral or authorization is necessary for office visits. (If it is required and you do not have the appropriate referral or authorization, you may be billed as an uninsured patient).
- What prescribed testing (lab, radiology, etc.) is covered under your insurance policy. (If you choose to have non-covered testing, we will require full payment at the time of your visit.)
- Any co-payment, coinsurance or deductible that may apply

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Outstanding Balances. After your visit, we will send you a statement for any outstanding balances. We send out statements when the balance becomes the patient's responsibility.

All outstanding balances are due on receipt. If you come for another visit and have an outstanding balance, we will request payment for both the new visit and your outstanding balance. Your outstanding balances can be paid conveniently via our patient portal.

We may add a finance charge of 1.33% of your outstanding account balance every month if you do not pay your account in full.

If you have an outstanding balance for more than ninety (90) days, you may be referred to an outside collection agency **and charged a collection fee of up to 40% of the balance owed, or whatever is permitted by applicable state law, in addition to the balance owed.** In addition, if you have unpaid delinquent accounts, we may discharge you as a patient and/or you may not be allowed to schedule any additional services unless special arrangements have been made.

No-shows. If you miss your appointment, you may be charged a \$50.00 fee for a missed appointment, a \$75.00 fee for a missed pediatric appointment, a \$100.00 fee for a missed physical, or a \$200 fee for a missed procedure or surgery. This fee will need to be paid before you are allowed to schedule another appointment. This fee cannot be billed to insurance.

Interpreter and Translation Services. If you have requested interpreter or translation services for your visit and you miss your appointment without cancelling at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to your scheduled appointment, you may be charged the amount that the translation or interpreter service charges your care center for such missed appointment.

Thank you for choosing us as your healthcare provider!