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OUR FINANCIAL POLICY:

Thank you for choosing our practice! We are committed to the success of your medical treatment and care. We believe that clear understanding of our financial policy is important to our professional relationship.

Any changes in insurance coverage, address, and telephone or other demographics must be given to the front desk representative when you check in for your appointment.

To setup your account with our practice please provide the following:

A> Complete the Patient Registration Form

- 1. Complete Demographic Information
- 2. Current Primary and Secondary Insurance information
- 3. Complete Insured Information if Insured is other than the Patient
- 4. Complete Name and Phone number of the Designated Relative(s)
- 5. Read and Sign the Patient Consent
- B> Complete the Patient Medical History Form
- C> Be prepared to present your Current Insurance Cards and your ID card at Check-In
- D> Be prepared to pay your Copays, Coinsurance, or Deductibles at Check-In
- E> You will be required to pay any outstanding patient balance on your account at Check-In

OUR COLLECTION POLICY:

Account balances must be paid in full within 30 days from the statement date. If any portion of the account balance remains unpaid over 60 days from the statement date, a late charge of 1.5% monthly may be assessed. If the account remains unpaid, patient will also be responsible for any and all collection costs and attorneys' fees incurred to collect this debt.

Payment plans are available for those who are experiencing the financial hardship but the arrangements must be made in advance with our Practice Billing Department. We accept cash, personal checks, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard). There will be a returned check charge of \$30.00 for a returned check.

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OUR INSURANCE POLICY:

Insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company.

Our office will file all insurances to the best of our efforts. We will not become involved in disputes with your insurance company regarding your deductibles, non-covered/covered expenses, co-insurance or "reasonable and customary" charges other than to supply factual information as necessary. Patient is ultimately responsible for the balance due on his or her account.

Medicare:

We are a participating provider with Medicare. We will also file with your secondary or supplementary policy. Please make sure that you provide our Medical Receptionist with your Medicare and supplementary cards at Check-In.

HMO Plans:

We work with your PCP (Primary care Provider) to acquire the authorization required to treat you. In case when we are not able to obtain the authorization in time for your appointment, we may reschedule your appointment. We encourage you to contact your PCP to request the authorization or the referral for your upcoming appointment to avoid any delay. Most HMO plans require patient to pay copay at the time of visit. We will require you to pay at Check-In.

Other Insurance Plans:

As a courtesy to our patients we file with your insurance. If you have not met your annual deductible or if you are required to pay coinsurance, you will be asked to pay at Check-In.

Self-pay:

Our practice does not accept patients without insurance.