# **Patient Financial Policy Sheet**

To reduce confusion and misunderstanding between our patients and practice, we have adopted the following financial policies. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please discuss them with our office manager. We are dedicated to providing the best possible care and service to you and regard your complete understanding of your financial responsibilities as an essential element of your care and treatment.

Unless other arrangements have been made in advance by either you or your health insurance carrier, full payment is due at the time of service. For your convenience we accept [VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, DISC]. Please ask about filling out our billing file which facilitates this process.

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS.

#### **Your Insurance**

- We have made prior arrangements with many insurers and health plans to accept an assignment of benefits. This means that we will bill those plans for which we have an agreement and will only require you to pay the authorized amount at the time of service, which may include one of the following:
  - This office's policy is to collect your copayment when you arrive for your appointment. We will never waive your copay as this violates our contract agreement with your insurance.
  - For patients whose insurance will apply the entire amount of the visit to a contract deductible we strongly urge you to pay a \$50 deposit for each visit to minimize the amount owed after the visit. If you have a FSA/HSA/HRA card, you can leave the card on file and we can withdraw the amount owed when your explanation of benefits comes in. As a courtesy we will always contact you before withdrawing an amount due that exceeds \$150.00.
- If you have insurance coverage with a plan for which we do not have a prior agreement, we will prepare and send the claim for you on an unassigned basis. This means that your insurer will send the payment directly to you. Consequently, the charges for your care and treatment are due at the time of the service.
- In the event that your health plan determines a service to be "not covered," you will be responsible for the complete charge. Payment is due upon receipt of a statement from our office.
- Claims are filed on your behalf to your insurance company as a courtesy. We will only file claims to your primary insurance. If we are
  unable to collect payment from the carrier, you are ultimately responsible for the cost of care. State and federal insurance is always
  secondary to private/commercial insurance.
- You must notify the office of all active insurance plans that provide medical coverage. Failure to disclose all insurance information and/or arrange coordination of benefits with your carrier(s) may result in recouped claims from the carrier(s), in which case, you will be responsible for paying the full amount of the visit(s) as an out-of-pocket expense.

### **Minor Patients**

• For all services rendered to minor patients, we will look to the adult accompanying the patient and the parent or guardian with custody for payment.

## **Office Charges:**

Our practice charges for missed appointments, if you can not keep your scheduled appointment please call us 24 hours in advance.

Our No Show fee is \$25.00 for sick visits and \$50.00 for well visits and Afterhours Nurse Triage is \$35.00. PATIENTS MAY BE RELEASED AFTER AS FEW AS 1 NO SHOWS. If we cannot check you in within 5 minutes of your appointment time, you may need to reschedule. If your chart is being transferred out to another provider (excluding specialists) there is a \$25.00 charge.

Please see the reverse side of this document for other practice charges that cannot be submitted to insurance.

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| I have read and understand the financial policy of the practice, and I agree to be bound by terms. I also understand and agree that the practice may amend such terms from time to time. |      |
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| Printed Name of the Patient  |      |
| Signature of Patient or Responsible Party if a Minor   | Date |

The following is a list of charges that may be incurred as a patient of Cedar Park Pediatrics. Some of the charges are opt-in only. None of the charges are covered by insurance and will be billed directly to the patients unless this violates our contract agreement with your insurance carrier.

**Opt-In Fees**: These are items that won't be billed unless you agree to receive these services.

Ear Piercing \$39 includes studs for both ears

HIPAA Compliant Gmail \$60 per year Payment Plan Service Fee \$10 ea plan After Hours Triage \$35 ea call Parent Flu Vaccine \$29 ea

**Opt-Out Fees**: These are items that will be billed as default unless you consent to an alternative.

Records Retrieval\* \$25 for hard copy up-to 250 pages, or for a CD up to 500 pages Records Retrieval\* \$50 for hard copy 251+ pages, or for a CD up to 501+ pages

**Penalty Fees**: These are fees that are charged for failure to comply with practice policies.

No Show (Sick) \$25 per child per visit
No Show (WCC) \$50 per child per visit
No Show (Allergy Testing) \$75 per child per visit
Invoice Past Due (30 days) \$35 per child per visit

**Miscellaneous Admin Fees**: This is an additional fee for controlled substance refill prescriptions without an appointment to compensate the physicians for time and documentation requirements.

Controlled Substance Refill \$10 per request. For multiple children or prescriptions, you may avoid

duplicate charges by submitting your requests at the

same time.

<sup>\*</sup>You may opt-out by requesting that your records be faxed within 15 business days. A valid release form must be received if releasing records to a third party.