

ANNUAL UPDATE FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____
Physical Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Employment Type: Full-time Part-time Student (full-time) Student (part-time) Retired Unemployed Disabled Homemaker Self-employed
Occupation & Employer: _____
Home Phone: _____ Leave detailed information Leave only a callback number
Work Phone: _____ Leave detailed information Leave only a callback number
Cell Phone: _____ Leave detailed information Leave only a callback number OK to text
Email Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

PRIMARY INSURANCE: _____
Policy ID/Member #: _____ Group #: _____
Subscribers Relationship to Patient: Self (If self, skip to secondary insurance information) Spouse Parent
Subscriber Name: _____ Subscribers Phone: _____
Subscribers Date of Birth: _____ Subscriber Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____
SECONDARY INSURANCE: _____
Policy ID/Member #: _____ Group #: _____
Subscribers Relationship to Patient: Self (If self, skip to Patient Care Team Information) Spouse Parent
Subscriber Name: _____ Subscribers Phone: _____
Subscribers Date of Birth: _____ Subscriber Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____

PATIENT CARE TEAM INFORMATION

Primary Care Physician: _____
Other Physicians on your care team: _____

By signing below, I authorize this office to release any information necessary to expedite payment. Protected health information may be disclosed to another covered entity for select health care operation such as payment activities, treatment, quality assessment activities, and other purposes. I have signed a copy of the Office Policy and been offered a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices. I understand the organized health care arrangement has the right to change this notice at any time and that I may obtain a current copy by contacting the office. Regardless of insurance coverage I also understand that I am ultimately responsible for all charges, including attorney's fees and collection costs.

Signature of Patient

Date

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Office Policy

Appointments and Patient Noncompliance

We recognize that your time is valuable, and we will make every effort to maintain the scheduled appointment times. You will be asked to come to the office at least 15 minutes early to allow time for updates to your contact information. However urgent situations sometimes disrupt our schedule, and we ask for your understanding and patience during these delays. We will make every effort to keep your wait time to a minimum.

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call. Late arrival may necessitate rescheduling your appointment. Cancellations should be made as early as possible, and we must be notified no later than 24 hours beforehand. If a patient does not call within 24 hours to cancel or fails to keep a second appointment a \$50.00 charge will be applied. Failure to show up for an appointment where no cancellation notice was given will be noted in your chart as a "No Show". Additionally, if three such events occur, we may ask you to find a new provider.

We are here to provide the highest standard of medical care. As such we reserve the right to terminate our healthcare relationship with you. You would be notified in writing via certified mail. We will continue to provide emergency/urgent care for 15 days, after 15 days we will no longer provide any medical services.

Emergencies and After-Hours Calls

When the office is closed and it's a **medical emergency** you should **call 911**. You can reach our answering service by calling our office and pressing option **2** regardless of the hour. The answering service will ask your name, telephone number, and the reason for your call. This information will be relayed to the doctor on call regardless of the hour. For routine questions and refill requests, we ask that you please call the office on the next business day or leave a message on the phone.

Insurance Coverage and Our Financial Policy

You will be asked to provide your insurance card(s) at every visit. This is to ensure that the information we have is correct, and that your plan is current and one in which we participate. Out of date cards with incorrect information or the wrong insurance cards can cause unnecessary delays in the payment of your claim.

Frequently, small changes (for example, a group number change or plan change) may not be considered significant by patients, but insurers will not process claims that are not 100% accurate.

All office co-pays are to be paid at the time of service. If the co-pay cannot be made at the time of service, your appointment will be rescheduled to a later date when you have the funds available to accommodate your co-pay. **This is also an insurance company policy.** We accept checks, credit cards, or cash.

We will submit insurance claims for our patients. However, the agreement of the insurance carrier to pay for medical care is a contract between **you** and the **carrier**. You should direct any questions and/or complaints regarding coverage to your insurance carrier, your employer (if in a group plan), or to your agent.

Insurances vary in their coverage, and it is the **patient's responsibility** to understand his/her medical benefits. There may be limitations and exclusions to coverage. The patient portion is set by the insurance company. Patients are responsible for any co-insurance, deductibles, and any other non-covered billable services. We are **only** contracted with Blue Cross, Tricare, VA, Medicare, and Medicaid. We are only a preferred provider with Blue Cross.

Payments

Balances are due within 30 days of when the bill is issued. Bills will be issued after the insurance carrier pays its portion of the bill. We accept checks, cash, and credit cards. In addition to paying through the mail, credit card information may also be called to the billing office during business hours at 770-2380. Any patient whose personal check comes back with insufficient funds will be charged a fee of \$40 in addition to the original bill.

By signing below, I have reviewed the office policies listed above. I understand the organized health care arrangement has the right to change this notice at any time and that I may obtain a current copy by contacting the office. Regardless of insurance coverage I also understand that I am ultimately responsible for all charges, including attorney's fees and collection costs.

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