

Professional Fees

When you see Dr. Sachs, you are fundamentally paying for his time, skill, clinical judgment, and expertise. Only a very small percentage of what you pay goes to him as salary. The vast majority of what you pay goes to cover salary of other staff, malpractice insurance, various other office insurance policies, such as health insurance for the professional staff, and other operating and overhead expenses, such as office rent, equipment rental, telephone charges, laundry fees, and janitorial fees

About Your Bill

You will be given a bill at the time of each visit. We expect payment in full at that time by cash, check, credit card, or debit card. In special circumstances we will work out an extended payment plan with you. We do ask that any outstanding balances be paid as promptly as possible. They will be delinquent after 90 days. We do our utmost to provide timely service and appreciate timely payment.

About Insurance

We do not file insurance claims with insurance companies, but we do provide a complete claim form, which makes it very easy for you to process a claim. Essentially all insurance companies accept it. This form has all the information on it that is needed to process a claim except for your insurance account number and other personal data that you must fill in. Simply fill out the shaded area of the form and mail one copy to your insurance company, keeping one copy for your records.

Please remember that we are providing medical care to you, not your insurance company. Payment of your bill is your responsibility, not your insurance company's. If your insurance company is delinquent or slow in processing a claim, the burden of payment rests with you.

About Medicare

Dr. Sachs is no longer a Participating Provider with Medicare. He is, however, most happy to see Medicare-eligible patients but can only do so on the sub-contractual basis that Medicare allows. This requires that the patient, whose primary insurance is Medicare, sign a formal agreement, which we will give you. Medicare requires that the patient be responsible for bills in this office without reimbursement from Medicare. NB: Medicare does cover outside laboratory, x-ray, and other professional services that Dr. Sachs orders, just as they would be covered when ordered by any other physician you might see. Similarly, Medicare also pays for hospital charges, such as Bronchoscopy Suite, Ambulatory Treatment Unit, or inpatient hospital charges for services that Dr. Sachs orders. It is only Dr. Sachs's professional fees, themselves that Medicare will not cover.

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