

Patient Financial Policy

Thank you for choosing **Southern Illinois Associates LLC** as your health care provider. We are committed to building a successful physician-patient relationship with you and your family. Your clear understanding of our Patient Financial Policy is important to our professional relationship. Please understand that payment for services is a part of that relationship. Please ask if you have any questions about our fees, our policies, or your responsibilities. It is your responsibility to notify our office of any patient information changes (i.e. address, name, insurance information, etc).

Co-pays

All co-payments and past due balances are due at time of check-in unless previous arrangements have been made with a billing coordinator. We accept cash, check or credit cards. Absolutely no post-dated checks will be accepted.

Insurance Claims

Insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company. In most cases, we are NOT a party of this contract. We will bill your primary insurance company as a courtesy to you. In order to properly bill your insurance company, we require that you disclose all insurance information including primary and secondary insurance, as well as, any change of insurance information. Failure to provide complete insurance information may result in patient responsibility for the entire bill. Although we may estimate what your insurance company may pay, it is the insurance company that makes the final determination of your eligibility and benefits. If your insurance company does not pay for any of your services performed at our office, you may be responsible for the complete balance of the non-payable services. If we are out of network with your insurance company and your insurance pays you directly, you are responsible for payment and agree to forward the payment to us immediately.

Workers Compensation and Automobile Accidents

In the case of a workers compensation injury or personal injury/automobile accident, you must obtain the claim number, phone number, contact person, and name and address of the insurance carrier prior to your visit. If this information is not provided, you will be asked to either reschedule your appointment or pay for your visit at the time of service.

Missed Appointments

We require 24-hour notice of appointment cancellation. Appointments missed and are not previously canceled may be charged a missed appointment fee.

Returned Checks

You will be charged for a returned check, payable by cash or money order or appropriate fee in accordance with state law. This will be applied to your account in addition to the insufficient funds amount. You may be placed on a cash only basis following any returned check.

Minors

The parent(s) or guardian(s) is responsible for full payment and will receive the billing statements. A signed release to treat may be required for unaccompanied minors.

Outstanding Balance Policy / Collection policy

It is our office policy that all past due accounts be sent two statements. If payment is not made on this account, a single phone call will be made to try to make payment arrangements. If no resolution can be made, the account will be sent to profit recovery and \$10 (ten dollars) will be charged to your account. If, despite with all of our effort to collect the debt than your account will send to collection agency, and possible discharge from the practice. In the event an account is turned over for collections, the person financially responsible for the account will be responsible for all collections costs including attorney fees and court costs upto 50% (fifty percent of the debt). Regardless of any personal arrangements that a patient might have outside of our office, if you are over 18 years of age and receiving treatment, you are ultimately responsible for payment of the service. Our office will not bill any other personal party.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the financial policy.

Patient/Gaurdian/POA Signature: _____ Date: _____