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How to Obtain a Procedure Cost Estimate

Thank you for allowing us to participate in your health care. We understand that insurance benefits can sometimes be confusing. This letter and information are to advise you on how to obtain an **estimated cost** from your insurer or health maintenance organization regarding your cost-sharing responsibilities that will be due from you regarding the procedure that your physician is recommending.

There may be costs associated with your procedure that your **insurance plan does not cover**. There are many types of insurance plans and coverage types, so it is difficult to give an exact dollar amount that will apply to every patient. Not every patient will have a cost associated with their scheduled procedure.

Attached is a sheet explaining how you can go about getting the estimated cost from your insurance carrier. It will also help you understand how your insurance company will process your claim. This process is the same process we use to get this information for you. They will advise you of the amount that will be covered and the amount that you will be responsible for paying.

If your procedure appointment is scheduled **weeks or months in advance**, it is best if you call your insurance carrier **immediately** to get the estimated cost, so that you can plan and budget for the amount that you will be expected to pay.

We will process this same information the **week before your procedure**. If there is a cost that will be due from you, we will **contact you with these amounts**. If you want the information in **advance**, you will need to call your insurance carrier now, or request a written estimate from us.

It is best for you to get this information. If you need to reschedule or cancel the procedure due to cost, you can do this now. Canceling or rescheduling procedures causes disruption to your personal schedules and that of the physicians. You can also budget and plan ahead for the cost that you may incur.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call us at 239 939-9939 press option 1 and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you,
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