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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BILLING OF INSURANCE AND YOUR FIRST VISIT

Since there are so many insurance plans, it is important for you to call and check your benefits with your insurance company **before** your appointment. Please ask the insurance company "WHAT IS THE PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY?" Insurance companies will tell patients they are covered but put the burden of cost on the patient. If you have a deductible plan, you may be "covered", but charges may be applied to your deductible leaving you financially responsible until your deductible is met. Ask what the patient responsibility is for the codes, then you will have a better picture of what your costs are going to be. When you call your insurance company, please get a reference number for the call.

Common codes that are used for the first few visits:

New patient office visit 99203 or 99204 (if patient has asthma)

Insurance companies give the price for each test so multiply by the maximum number of tests below:

95004 up to 80 tests – PERCUTANEOUS TESTING

95024 up to 20-32 tests – INTRADERMAL TESTING

95044 up to 80 tests – PATCH TESTING

94010 and 94060 – SPIROMETRY & NEBULIZER - if spirometry is needed for asthma or suspected.

For this reason, we will require you to keep a credit, debit, or HSA card on file for co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles. We will charge your co-pay, if any, on the day of your visit. After your visit, we will submit the charges to your insurance company. When we hear back from your insurance company, if anything is owed to the practice, we will charge your credit card. We do not call before we charge your credit card. You should receive an explanation of benefits from your insurance company which will show patient responsibility.

Prior to your appointment:

Do not take any antihistamines for 2-5 days prior to your appointment. You can see the list of antihistamines and days to stop taking the medication on our website.

If you need to take the antihistamine, take the antihistamine, and come for the appointment. Testing can be done later.

If you need a referral, you **must** have the referral and a referral number before you come in for the appointment. You should request at least 4 visits.

You need to bring completed new patient paperwork with you to your appointment. You can print the forms from our website: allergyandasthmacare.com. Click on the New Patients Tab. You will see Download Allergy History Form and Download Patient Information Sheet. Print these forms and complete them before you come to the office. Otherwise, you will need to arrive 20 minutes early to fill them out.

If you have covid symptoms, please reschedule. If you are sick, wear a mask.

Day of your appointment:

-Bring any inhalers you take with you for the appointment.

-Please make sure to bring a photo ID, insurance card, and credit, debit, or HSA card. Have your completed paperwork ready to hand in to the front office.

-Your first appointment is 45 minutes. Please arrive prior to your appointment time to allow time for the check-in process. Your doctor may not have enough time to finish the appointment if you are late.