

# Lakewood Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

## Financial Policy

Thank you for choosing Lakewood Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine as your health care provider. We are committed to providing excellent health care services to you, our patients. As a part of our professional relationship, it is important that you have an understanding our financial policy.

**All Patients must read and sign this form prior to receiving services.**

❖ **It is your responsibility to provide us with your most current insurance information.**

- If you fail to provide accurate insurance in a timely manner, your insurance company may deny the claim. If the claim is denied, you will be financially responsible for the services rendered.
- We must emphasize that, as a medical providers, our relationship is with you, the patient, and not your insurance company. Your insurance is a contract between you, your insurance company and possibly your employer. It is your responsibility to know and understand the level of services covered by your insurance company.
- If you have **Medicaid** coverage of any kind, you must notify us prior to your visit. This is part of your agreement with Medicaid, and **failure to notify us** of Medicaid coverage will result in full financial responsibility for services rendered.
- We may accept assignment of insurance after verification of your coverage. Please be aware that your insurance company may not cover some or perhaps all of the services provided in full. **You are financially responsible for services not covered by your insurance company.**
- Before receiving services, you must verify that we are participating providers for your insurance company. In the event we are not participating providers with your insurance company, we will file the initial claim as a courtesy. Payment, however, is due in full at the time of service.
- We charge what is usual and customary for our area. You are responsible for payment regardless of any insurance company's arbitrary determination of usual and customary rates.
- Copayments, coinsurance and/or deductibles are due at the time of service. We will estimate the amount you owe based on information we receive from your insurance company. However, you are responsible for paying the full amount determined by your insurance company once they have paid your claim-regardless of our estimation.

❖ **It is your responsibility to provide us with your most current billing information.**

- You must provide your most current billing address, all available telephone numbers and any important contact information. If your address or contact information changes, it is your responsibility to contact us with the updated information.
- We will send a statement (to the billing address you provide) notifying you of any balance you may owe. If you have any questions or dispute a validity of this balance, it is your responsibility to contact our business office within 30 days after receipt of the initial statement. You can call **(972) 701-8826**.
- **Payment in full is due upon receipt of the statement.** Patient balances not paid in full within 30 days of the statement issue date are deemed past due. **Past due accounts may be subject to a \$5.00 monthly late fee and may be referred to a professional collection agency and/or attorney for further collection activity.** You will be responsible to pay all collection costs incurred, including attorney's fees and court costs if applicable.
- If you are not able to pay the balance due in full, you must contact our billing office to discuss a payment schedule. Any late fees already incurred on past due balances will be included in any mutually agreed upon arrangements. If you fail to make payments as agreed upon, your account may be to a professional collection agency and/or attorney. You will be responsible for all collection costs incurred, including attorney fees and court cost if applicable.
- If your account is assigned to a professional collection agency, you will be notified by certified mail that you will no longer be able to receive services form any of the physicians at Lakewood Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine. Failure to accept this certified letter (and/or to pick it up at the post office) serves as notice of termination of services.
- In the event you submit payment by check and the bank returns the check unpaid for any reason, we will add \$25.00 to your original balance. In addition, we may seek all additional legal remedies provided to us under Texas law.
- We may charge you a "No Show" fee if you fail to cancel or reschedule your appointment at least 24 hours prior to your appointment date.
- **Failure to keep you account balance current may require us to cancel or reschedule your appointment.**

Full payment is due at the time of service. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. I have read and understand the Financial Policy.

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Signature of Responsible Party

Date

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

EPM Medical Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_