

OFFICE FINANCIAL POLICY

BASIC POLICY Pay for service is due in full at the time service is provided in our office

FOR PATIENTS WITH INSURANCE We bill most insurance carriers for you if proper paperwork is provided to us. We will also bill most secondary insurance companies for you. Copayments and deductibles are due at the time of service. Since your agreement with your insurance carrier is a private one, we do not routinely research why an insurance carrier has not paid or why it paid less than anticipated for care. If an Insurance carrier has not paid within 60 days of billing professional fees are due and payable in full from you.

MEDICARE PATIENTS We will bill Medicare for you. We will also bill secondary insurances for you. All copayments or deductibles are due and payable at the time service is provided.

MEDICAID PATIENTS Medicaid is only accepted as a secondary to medicare.

SURGERY FEES All copays, deductibles, and payments for noncovered surgical procedures are due prior to your surgery. Prior authorization may be required by your carrier

NONCOVERED SERVICES Any care not paid for by your existing insurance coverage will require payment in full at the time services are provided or upon notice of insurance claim denial.

PERSONAL INJURY CASES This office does not bill for auto accident or other liability on lawsuit-related cases. You are responsible for payment at the time of service. We do not accept liens.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION We do not accept worker's compensation cases.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS In fairness to other patients and the doctor, we require at least 24 hours' notice to cancel appointments. You will be charged a \$25 fee for missed appointments without 24 hours notice and may be dismissed from the practice.

PAYMENT PLAN If you are having financial difficulty, please contact our billing personnel for possible alternative payment options.

FEE SCHEDULE All fees are based on usual and customary fees which have been determined by an independent research organization. If your insurance carrier's reimbursement is lower than the usual and customary fee you may be held responsible for the difference.

Please check one I have paid my insurance deductible for the calendar year _____ Yes No Don't Know

MEDICARE PATIENTS: SIGNATURE ON FILE I request payment of authorized Medicare benefits be made either to me or on my behalf to Dr. Taliaferro for any service furnished me by the listed provider/supplier. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the Health Care Financing Administration and it's agents any Information needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payable to related services.

I understand my signature requests that payment be made and authorizes release of medical information necessary to pay the claim. If other health insurance is indicated in Item 9 of the HCFA 1500 form or elsewhere on other approved claim forms or electronically submitted claims, my signature authorizes releasing of the information to the insurance or agency shown. In Medicare assigned cases, the provider or supplier agrees to accept the charge determination of the Medicare carrier as the full charge and the patient is responsible only for the deductible, coinsurance and noncovered services. Coinsurance and deductible are based upon the charge determination of the Medicare carrier.

Patient's Name (Please Print)

PROVIDER

Patient's Signature

Patient Medicare No.

Date

ASSIGNMENT OF INSURANCE BENEFITS Patients with insurances please read and sign below.

I hereby assign all medical and/or surgical benefits, to include major medical benefits to which I am entitled, private insurance and any other health plans, to Dr. Taliaferro This assignment will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. A photocopy of this assignment is to be considered as valid as an original. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether or not paid by said Insurance. I hereby authorize said assignee to release all information necessary to secure the payment.

Signature _____ Date _____

I have read, understood, and agreed to the above financial policy for payment of professional fees
The patient is ultimately responsible for all professional fees.

Signature _____ Date _____