

Dear Patient,

We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with our payment procedures. It is our goal to satisfy all of our patients and make financial aspects of your healthcare as convenient and simple as possible. Our office does not file or bill insurance of any type because of the extreme cost it adds to medical services. Because we do not affiliate with any insurance companies, we can dramatically reduce our fees and pass these savings on to you.

We offer these reduced fees while providing excellent service and top quality medical care. This fee schedule will be beneficial for those in our community who do not have health insurance. It will also be appealing to those who have insurance but do not want to wait long periods of time to be seen by a doctor on their insurance plan. In addition it is helpful for those with high health insurance deductibles. Our goal is to make it easy for those in our community to access quality healthcare without the hassle and drawbacks associated with managed care. We do not sign contracts with insurance companies or HMO's that cause us to have the insurance companies' interest ahead of our patients. At Hatteras Island Family Medicine you are our #1 PRIORITY-not your insurance company.

Privacy and confidentiality of personal health information is important to us at Hatteras Island Family Medicine. We have policies in place to insure your personal health information is available only to authorized persons who need access to this information to provide medical care. No patient information leaves our office either electronically, by fax or paper record without specific authorization from you. A copy of our policy on privacy is posted at the receptionist desk and you may receive a copy if you would like.

FOR MEDICARE/MEDICAID PATIENTS ONLY:

At Hatteras Island Family Medicine our top priority is to you and your health, not your insurance plan. Some services provided by us such as routine office visits, physicals and some lab work could be covered by your Medicare/Medicaid if we were a Medicare/Medicaid provider. However, we have never accepted any payment from Medicare/Medicaid nor ever billed Medicare/Medicaid. Since we have opted out of being a Medicare/Medicaid provider, we are only able to provide your medical care under a private contract. This means that you agree to pay us for services and they will not be reimbursed by Medicare/Medicaid. However, this only applies to services we provide. Many times our Medicare/Medicaid patients have asked us what happens if we refer them to a specialist, to the hospital or for other Medicare/Medicaid/Medicaid covered products or services we do not provide (electric wheelchairs, x-rays, MRI etc). All of these are still covered by Medicare for our patients.

Understanding the fixed income of some people on Medicare, we have significantly reduced fees. In some cases the fees are reduced to levels that are actually less than what you're out of pocket cost might be if you had Medicare billed. If you would like to be a patient at Hatteras Island Family Medicine and understand these terms, please sign below indicating that you understand and accept this private contract.

FOR ALL PATIENTS:

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PAYMENT PROCEDURS OF HATTERAS ISLAND FAMILY MEDICINE, P.A. AND AGREE TO PAY MY BILL IN FULL AT THE END OF MY VISIT. I ALSO AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF ANY NECESSARY MEDICAL RECORDS BY HATTERAS ISLAND FAMILY MEDICINE AND TO ANY REFERRALS OF MY BEHALF.

Consent for Treatment

I (or my legal guardian/parent) authorize Hatteras Island Family Medicine to provide medical care reasonable by today's standards.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/guardian signature

Print: _____