

BILLING PROCESS

How You Can Help

Thank you for choosing OhioHealth for your healthcare needs. At OhioHealth, we are committed to making the billing process as patient-friendly as possible. Here are some ways you can help the billing process go smoothly.

- **Please give us complete health insurance information.**
In addition to your health insurance card, we may ask for a photo ID. If you have been seen at OhioHealth before, let us know if your personal information or insurance information has changed since your last visit.
- **Please understand and follow the requirements of your health plan.**
Be sure to know your benefits, obtain proper authorization for services and submit referral claim forms if necessary. Many insurance plans require patients to pay a co-payment or deductible amount. You are responsible for paying co-payments required by your insurance provider and OhioHealth is responsible for collecting co-payments. Please come to your appointment prepared to make your co-payment.
- **Please respond promptly to any requests from your insurance provider.**
You may receive multiple bills for your hospital visit. The hospital's price list does not include standard charges for services provided by others involved with your hospital visit. This may include your family doctor, specialists, physicians to read x-rays, give anesthesia, or do blood work. Insurance benefits are the result of your contract with your insurance company. We are a third-party to those benefits and may need your help with your insurance. If your insurance plan does not pay the bill within 90 days after billing, or your claim is denied, you will receive a statement from OhioHealth indicating the bill is now your responsibility. All bills sent to you are due upon receipt. OhioHealth does not charge interest on any amount not paid in full during the normal course of collection.

Questions about Price and Billing Information

Our goal is for each of our patients and their families to have the best healthcare experience possible. Part of our commitment is to provide you with information that helps you make well-informed decisions about your own care.

To ask questions or get more **information about a bill for services** you've received, please contact our Customer Call Center at (614) 566.5594 or toll-free at (800) 837.2455 or send an email to customercenter@ohiohealth.com.

If you need more **information about the price of a future service**, please contact our Price Hotline at (614) 566.8707 or toll-free at (844) 393.1035. A CPT code is strongly encouraged when you call. You can obtain the CPT code from the ordering physician.

You also can get more information about our services, high quality of care, convenient locations and prices at www.OhioHealth.com.

Online Payment, Registration, & Scheduling

For the convenience of our patients, a number of online services are available at www.OhioHealth.com/billpay. OhioHealth offers secure online payment for OhioHealth hospital, employed physician practice, and health care center bills. With a private payment account, users may access tools to make the payment process easier and more manageable.

OhioHealth also offers pre-registration and appointment requests through a secure online form at www.OhioHealth.com/preregistration. Patients may pre-register for surgeries, admissions, outpatient procedures and tests at least three business days in advance. Patients may also pre-register for maternity services up to three months prior to their expected delivery date.

Financial Assistance

We are pleased to offer financial assistance to patients with limited resources and inadequate medical insurance coverage. Eligibility is determined by total family income/assets. The patient should apply for other assistance available to pay hospital charges (Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) before being discharged.

OhioHealth's Charity Care Policy

OhioHealth is a family of not-for-profit, faith-based hospitals and healthcare organizations. In Columbus, we have a unique healthcare system where all of the not-for-profit hospitals provide high quality care to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This system allows OhioHealth to provide one of the most compassionate charity care policies to individuals and families who cannot pay for medically necessary healthcare services they receive at our facilities.

OhioHealth's charity care policy includes:

- Substantial charity care guidelines that provide free care for individuals and families who earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- Sliding scale fees to provide substantially discounted care for individuals and families who are between 200 and 400 percent of the federal poverty level.
- Hardship policy for those patients who would not otherwise qualify for charity care but have unique circumstances.

In many cases, OhioHealth offers interest free loans for up to one year to assist patients. In addition, OhioHealth has an uninsured discount policy for individuals without insurance who do not qualify for charity care.

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