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Dear Patient,

We are pleased that you have chosen our services for your Obstetrical care. We would like to familiarize you with our Obstetrical services as well as our billing policy. Please visit our website at [www.womenobgyn.net](http://www.womenobgyn.net).

The following forms will be included on this side of the packet:

1. Billing Policy & Maternity Insurance Form
2. Baby Boy Circumcision Form
3. Cord Blood Banking Policy
4. FMLA/Disability Paperwork Processing Fee Form
5. NWH/Prentice Registration Packet

Please complete the necessary forms and return them at your next office visit. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and will enable us to complete the insurance verification process in an expedient fashion. **As always, please feel free to clarify any questions and concerns you may have by contacting Mary C: 312.440.3810 ext. 7287 | email: [mchait@womenobgyn.net](mailto:mchait@womenobgyn.net) and/or any billing representative at 888-318-2788.**

**Billing Policy: Total OB Care and Delivery**

1. All patients with medical insurance for maternity coverage will have their policy verified by our patient representative.
2. Our fees for global obstetrical care range from (\$5,670-\$6,280), depending upon your individual needs. The fee includes:
  - a. 13-antepartum office visits
  - b. Physician delivery charge
  - c. One postpartum visit (does not include pap smear)
3. The following services are NOT included in the (\$5,670-\$6,280) fee and are payable at time of service:
  - a. Prenatal lab fee
  - b. Tay-Sachs screening/Jewish Panel
  - c. Any lab tests (alpha-fetoprotein, glucose tolerance, cultures, pap, etc.)
  - d. Postpartum PAP

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- e. Any visits or procedures that do not pertain to the pregnancy (sore throat, yeast infection, urinary tract infection, colposcopy, etc.)
  - f. Any visits for complications 90 days after delivery
  - g. Any hospital admission before delivery
4. The following services may be required during your OB care and are NOT included in the Global fee. They are billed separately by the hospital or by us:
- a. Ultrasounds
  - b. Non-Stress Test (NST)
    - i. NST Belt Fee-\$13.00
  - c. Genetic Testing
  - d. Amniocentesis
  - e. CVS
  - f. Any tests or procedures done at the hospital
5. Any services provided by physician specialist, i.e. anesthesiologist, neonatologist, will be billed separately by that physician. Hospital services will be billed separately and are not included in our fees.

#### **If Your Insurance Changes**

If your insurance changes from a managed care HMO, PPO or POS to a commercial plan you will be required to pay a deposit. You are required to notify the OB Coordinator immediately when your insurance company and/or plan changes. The deposit amount will be determined once the benefit verification has been completed.

#### **Note: Pre-Certification**

It is your responsibility to either call or have someone call your insurance company when you are admitted to the hospital. The usual length of stay is two overnights after a normal vaginal delivery, and 3-4 overnights after a cesarean section delivery. If more days need to be approved, the doctor's office will then notify the pre-certifications department of the medical necessity for the additional day(s).

#### **Credit Card Policy**

**We require a credit card number on file for all patients.** Our internal office policy will now include as a courtesy to our patients to automatically process ALL OB Deposit monthly payments with your Preferred Credit Card on file.

#### **OB Deposit**

All patients with verified **COMMERCIAL** insurance are required to pay a deposit based on insurance benefits. The deposit is due in full or in four monthly installments. The first payment is required at your initial visit. The final installment is due by the first day of your seventh month. After you deliver, the office will bill your insurance for the physician's delivery charge. Whatever amount your insurance does not pay, we will use your deposit to pay off your account and then refund any necessary balance.

All patients that are **SELF PAY** are required to pay in full \$5,670.00. This can be broken down into four installments. The first payment of \$1,417.50 is required at your second visit. The balance is to be paid in three subsequent installments of \$1,417.50. The final installment is due by the first day of your seventh month. Payment is required in full by 25<sup>th</sup> week or four monthly installments automatically deducted from your Preferred Credit Card on file.

#### **Moving Prior to Delivery**

If you know you will be moving before your due date, please speak to our business office regarding your billing. The total number of visits will be billed to you or to your insurance company. All lab charges are in addition to these visit charges. If you are not in one of our managed care HMO/POS/PPO provider networks, payment is required at time of service. You are responsible for submitting the claim to your insurance company. If you have paid your OB deposit, we will apply that money to the number of visits you had at our practice. If there is a balance due, you will be billed. A new printout of your account will be sent to you to submit to your insurance.

#### **Routine Tests for OB Care**

Fee for initial visit	The cost of this visit will not be applied to the deposit
Prenatal Profile	Includes complete blood count, serology, blood type, Rh factor, antibody titer, rubella titer, hepatitis surface antigen, urine culture, urinalysis and Chlamydia culture
Pap Smear	
Quad Screen	Optional
Alpha-fetoprotein	Between 15-18 weeks
Diabetic Screening	One hour blood sugar test-between 24-28 weeks
Antibody Screening	Only if you are Rh negative-24 weeks
RhoGam Injection	Required at 28 weeks if you are Rh negative
CBC	Complete blood count-check for anemia
Hemoglobin A1C	Hemoglobin A1C
NST	Non Stress Test
Injection & Venipuncture Fees	

#### **Cystic Fibrosis Testing (Optional)**

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disorder. It caused by an abnormal gene that is passed from parent to child. It does not affect a person's looks or mental ability. Despite their physical problems, many people with CF attend school, have careers, and lead full lives. This blood test is optional and is offered to our patients based on family history. **PLEASE NOTE:** PATIENTS THAT HAVE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD INSURANCE THIS TEST NEEDS TO BE PRECERTIFIED WITH YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.

## Maternity Insurance

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name (if other than patient): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's relationship to the patient (circle one):      Self                  Spouse                  Parent

Policy Holder's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Delivery (circle one):                  Normal                  C-Section                  Previous C-Section

Expected Date of Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had maternity care for this pregnancy with another doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you considering having your tubes tied (sterilization) after delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you considering circumcision for your child: \_\_\_\_\_?

**Call your insurance company for maternity benefits for the global doctor's fee; not-hospital charges.**

1. Effective date of Maternity coverage: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Will you have maternity coverage by your due date: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Deductible amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Deductible met up to date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Maximum out of pocket: \_\_\_\_\_ Is deductible included: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your percentage of the global doctor fee covered by insurance: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your percentage of Lab & Routine Ultrasounds are paid: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is a hospital Pre-certification or Pre-Admission review required: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. If Yes, please request the telephone number to call pre-cert: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Person's name you spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Pre-Certification #: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. If no, please write the person's name you spoke with and the date: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have coverage for sterilization: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have coverage for genetic testing: \_\_\_\_\_
 

Is precertification required? Yes or No

What is the phone number for precertification: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you have coverage for circumcision: \_\_\_\_\_

Your insurance company may impose a penalty or deny payment if you do not properly complete the pre-certification process.

### Patient Responsibility

I understand that my policy may exclude certain routine services that are considered to be not medically necessary or not covered. The physicians at The Women's Group of Northwestern routinely perform test or procedures that we consider to be invaluable in the management of patient care. I choose to have the services rendered and agree to be responsible for payment of these services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date