

Financial Agreement

We, the staff at <u>Dr. Arun K Gupta, PC</u> thank you for choosing us as your healthcare provider. We consider it a privilege to serve your needs and we look forward to doing so. We are committed to providing you with the highest level of care and to building a successful provider-patient relationship with you and your family. We believe your understanding of our patients' financial responsibility is vital to that provider-patient relationship and our goal is to not only inform you of the provisional aspects of that financial policy but also to keep the lines of communication open regarding them. If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding our fees, policies or responsibilities please feel free to contact us at 703-330-3322. We believe this level of communication and cooperation will allow us to continue to provide quality service to all of our valued patients. Please understand that payment for services is an important part of the provider-patient relationship. If you do not have insurance, proof of insurance or participate in a plan that will not honor an assignment of

Insurance benefits, payment for services will be due at the time of service. We make payment as convenient as possible by accepting (cash, money order, MasterCard, Visa and in-state checks). A \$50.00 service fee will be charged for all returned checks. Additionally, you may authorize us to keep your credit card on file for your convenience knowing that we adhere to the highest level of information security.

Co-Pays/Patient Balance

Your balance and co-pay is due at time of service.

Interest

Interest of 20% will incur if a balance remains unpaid after 120 days.

Insurance

Please remember that your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance carrier. We will, as a courtesy, bill your insurance and help you receive the maximum allowable benefit under your policy. We have found that patients who are involved with their claims process are more successful at receiving prompt and accurate payment services from their insurance carrier. We do expect patients to be interactive and responsible for communicating with your insurance carrier on any open claims. It is your responsibility to provide all necessary insurance eligibility, identification, authorization and referral information and to notify our office of any information changes when they occur. Even a pre-authorization of services does not guarantee payment from your insurance carrier. We also require photo identification when accepting insurance information. It is the patient's responsibility to know if our office is participating or non-participating with their insurance

Plan. Failure to provide all required information may necessitate patient payment for all charges. When insurance is involved, we are contractually obligated to collect co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles, as outlined by your insurance carrier. Please be aware that out-of-network insurance carriers often prohibit assignment of benefits and may try to limit their financial liability with arbitrary limits, exclusions or reductions such as reasonable and customary or usual and prevailing reductions. Our fees are well within such ranges and although we will assist in the filing of an appeal if these limitations are imposed, you as the guarantor are responsible for all out-of network

fees. If we are not contracted with your carrier we will not negotiate reduced fees with your carrier.

Miscellaneous Forms, Additional Information and Authorizations

We will provide all necessary information to have your benefits released. However, if it becomes necessary to submit redundant or unnecessary information for the completion of claim forms for school, sports or extracurricular activities there will be an administrative fee, not to exceed \$25.00, for the additional information.



Missed Appointments

We require notice of cancellations 24 hours in advance. This allows us to offer the appointment to another patient. If you fail to keep your appointments without notifying us in advance: a missed appointment fee \$25.00 will apply.

Medical Records Fees

Patients are entitled under federal law to have access to their protected health information and we follow all rules, guidelines and exceptions to ensure compliance to patient rights. However, providers also have the right to compensation for records and our fees \$25.00 - \$50.00 are a reasonable cost-based fee for copies including the copying, supplies, labor and files and or summaries. We realize that temporary financial problems may affect timely payment of your account. If this should occur, please contact us for assistance in the management of your account. Our goal is to provide quality care and service. Please let us know immediately if you require any assistance or clarification from anyone within our business.

Timeliness of Appointments

We try to see everyone in a timely manner but if we are taking too long, please let our receptionist know so we can best serve your needs and reschedule you if necessary.

I have read and understand the above financial policy. I agree to assign insurance benefits to whenever applicable. I also agree, in addition to the amount owed, I also will be responsible for the fee charged by the collection agency for costs of collections if such action becomes necessary.

Collection Agency

Accounts which cannot be collected by Dr. Arun K Gupta, PC after normal in-house collection procedures may be referred to a collection agency, or attorney for further collection action. Any fees incurred will be patient's responsibility.

Prescription Refills

Refill cannot be authorized if you have not been seen for the past 3 months. There will be a \$10.00 charge for the same day requests.

Lab Orders

Date:

It is your responsibility to check with your insurance company to confirm the coverage for your lab work. Physicians will order lab work but not guarantee that your insurance company will cover them.

I have read and understand Dr. Arun K Gupta, PC financial office policies.	
Signature of Insured or Authorized Representative:	
DOB:	