



## WOMEN PARTNERS IN OB/GYN

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### Office Policies

We are pleased that you chose us for your care. This information is provided so that our patients are fully informed of our policies. Please read and sign it below.

**Appointments:** Patients are seen by appointment only. If you cannot keep your scheduled appointment, please call the office 24 hours in advance.

**Physician Assignment:** Switching between doctors within this practice is not permitted.

**Fees:** Our fees reflect the level of care that you receive and the training of the physicians. Estimated amounts for services may be given, but the final amount may be different, depending on the employer plan and other circumstances. **Many specimens collected in this office, including pap smears, are sent to outside laboratories that directly bill the patient or the patient's insurance.**

**Completion of Forms at Patient's Request:** Our staff is able to assist you in the completion of medical information on forms such as FMLA/Disability requests. There will be a \$20 fee per form for this service. We ask that you complete all of the demographic information, before bringing the form to us.

**Assignment of Benefits:** At each visit patients are questioned about any changes in their insurance coverage and the insurance card is copied. This is crucial so that your visit is billed correctly. We require all patients to sign a copy of the patient registration form that assigns insurance benefits to be paid directly to Women Partners in OB/GYN. If your insurance company sends a payment directly to you, it is your responsibility to make payment to Women Partners In OB/GYN.

**Insurance:** Your policy is a contract between you and your insurance company. As a courtesy we bill your insurance carrier, but you are ultimately responsible for the entire bill. If your insurance company doesn't pay the practice within a reasonable period, we will expect payment from you. If we later receive a check from your insurer, we will refund your overpayments. If your insurance plan determines a service is not covered, you will be responsible for the full charge. Co-pays, deductibles and co-insurance are required on the day of service.

#### **Prompt payment**

After your insurance has reimbursed Women Partners In OB/GYN, we will send you a statement of your responsibility. The bill is payable upon receipt. If the bill is not paid in full within 90 days and you have not contacted the Business Office regarding the payment, your account will be considered delinquent. As a last resort, we may turn the account over to a collection agency. If so, their fee of 50% of the outstanding balance will be charged to the patient.

I have read and understand these financial policies.

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Patient or legal guardian

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Date