



Dear Patient,

Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the United States Preventive Services Task Force, there have been changes in what is considered a “preventive (wellness) service”. There are very clear guidelines given to providers to differentiate between “screening” services versus “medical management” services. Screening services are given to seemingly well patients so that early detection and treatment can be provided if any illness should happen to be found. Medical Management services are those rendered to care for an already known or “established” health condition.

Today, you are scheduled for a “preventive (wellness)” service visit. Please be aware that if any “established” or “acute” health conditions are also addressed during this visit, you may be assessed a separate charge for services related to that established or acute condition. This may result in a copay and/or co-insurance being due from you. This is a nationally recognized standard of billing which recognizes that your physician provided both preventive (wellness)/screening services and established/acute care services. We do not alter our charges based on a patient’s particular insurance plan or benefits, which would be considered fraudulent. This will not impact the coverage your insurance plan has for preventive (wellness) services.

Your health is extremely important to us. We ask you to keep in mind that caring for any established or acute health conditions you may have is of utmost concern to us, and that a re-check appointment for these conditions would also require a copay or co-insurance due from you. If this established/acute care service is rendered at the same time as your preventive (wellness) service today, it may save you from having to make another appointment.

We appreciate the opportunity to help you Stay Healthy!

Patient/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ AR# \_\_\_\_\_