

Patient Communication & Financial Policies

The following are internal policies set in place by Forefront Dermatology, S.C. and its affiliated practices ("Forefront"). Signature is required before services can be provided. Forefront is unable to accept any revisions to this form and any attempted changes shall be null and void.

Patient Communications: In Forefront's discretion, information of a confidential nature may be left on your voicemail or answering machine at the preferred number(s) you have provided to Forefront or with a friend or family member who answers the telephone at one of the preferred numbers or at your residence and who can verify your address and date of birth. Such message may include, without limitation, reminders of upcoming scheduled appointments, information regarding your pathology or laboratory tests, billing information, or answers to medical questions you may have inquired about to our staff. Forefront may also communicate with you via e-mail, text message, or post card to your home address provided such method complies with applicable HIPAA communication standards. Confidential information will be treated in accordance with HIPAA and applicable state law.

Research: I authorize Forefront to contact me regarding any research study in which I may be eligible to participate relating to my care.

Insurance Filing: As a courtesy we will bill your insurance company for charges incurred at our clinic. Please remember your health insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company. Our office will make two attempts to settle any outstanding bill with your insurance company. If your insurance deems a service to be not covered by your insurance plan you agree to be responsible for the balance of this service. Claims not paid by your insurance carrier within 90 days will be considered a non-covered service. We will furnish information required by the insurance company to receive payment. Benefits should be paid directly to the Practice from your insurance company. If your insurance company reimburses you directly for any outstanding amounts due to us, payment will be expected by us within 10 days. I hereby assign to Forefront all my rights and claims for reimbursement under my health insurance policy. I agree to provide information as needed to establish my eligibility for such benefits.

Bad Debt Account Status: I realize that if my account is in bad debt I will be required to pay a **down payment** of \$150.00 prior to my scheduled appointment. In the event that this down payment exceeds the visit cost, the overpayment will first be applied towards any outstanding balance or bad debt balance and any remaining balance will be refunded to you. I realize that if my account is sent to collections, Forefront may also elect to dismiss me as a patient from the practice. If I pay off my bad debt account, my account will be returned to good standing status and I will not be required to make a down payment on future visits unless I am placed into collections again in the future. This provision does not apply to patients who currently have Medicaid health insurance coverage or to patients who are currently under bankruptcy or any other insolvency protection.

Financial Responsibility: A 20.00 charge will be added for any non-sufficient funds notice from the bank. I understand and agree that I will be responsible for all legal fees and other costs of collection if my account is turned over to an attorney or agency for collection in which case your visit/s with our office may become a matter of public record.

Medicaid Affidavit:

**ALL patients
must answer** →

At this time I, _____, represent and warrant that I
(Print Your Name)

(DO) or (DO NOT) have **Medicaid coverage.**

(Circle One - if unmarked, default is a representation that you do not have Medicaid currently. If you are completing this form on a system where you cannot circle one, please inform the staff immediately if you have Medicaid health insurance coverage)

If we find at a later time that you did not provide accurate information above, you will be responsible for the balance of the charges incurred. It is your responsibility to inform our office if you acquire any type of Medicaid coverage at a later time. If you don't provide the updated information to our office you may be responsible for the balance of your bill. Not all locations and providers participate in Medicaid programs. The patient will be responsible for the full amount of services provided when this circumstance is applicable.

Non-insured Patients: Non-insured patients will be charged a **down payment** prior to seeing a provider on the date of service. This is not considered payment in full. The down payments are determined by the individual clinic based on local considerations and will be at least as follows:

- New patient Office Visit: \$178
- Established Patient Office Visit: \$150
- Excision Visit: \$800
- MOHS Visit: \$1,000

Final charges will be determined after the provider sees the patient and a complete assessment is made. The provider may require payment in full for procedural services prior to rendering such a service and/or may require payment in full for all services on the date of the visit. In any case, if the balance is paid in full within two weeks from the date of the statement, a 20% discount for cash/check or a 15% discount for credit card will apply. **This discount does not apply to Cosmetic procedures and injectables.**

Co-payments, Co-insurance, Deductible, & Cosmetic Procedures: Payment is due on the date of service prior to seeing the provider. Deductible amounts may be collected prior to the provider completing the service. Payment for a cosmetic procedure is due in full prior to treatment. There are no returns on cosmetic products sold unless such products are defective or, in the opinion of your provider, caused an adverse reaction.

Open Payments Database Notice: The Open Payments database is a federal tool used to search payments made by drug and device companies to physicians and teaching hospitals. It can be found at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov>.

Procedure Pricing

I understand that procedure estimates are only provided in writing. Written estimates must be requested prior to the appointment unless otherwise required by law.

X _____ until revoked
Signature of Patient or Legal Representative Date of Birth Date / ____ / ____

Relationship to Patient

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