



Facility Fees

What are Facility Fees?

Facility Fees are the result of changes in the Medicare rules to provider-based billing. ***This change allows hospitals that meet certain federal requirements to bill separately for the facility as well as for the physician services.***

This includes hospital-owned:

- Physician Practices
- Outpatient Medical Centers
- Outpatient Surgical Centers
- Urgent Care Centers

\$ \$ \$

“North Carolina patients pay more for many tests and procedures if their physician is employed by a hospital.”

-The News & Observer and The Charlotte Observer, 12/16/2012

Consequently, large hospital systems are purchasing physician practices and then bill for services that are significantly higher than those charged by independent physicians. For example, according to The News & Observer, Duke University Health System has been most aggressive in converting its doctor practices to outpatient facilities.

How do Facility Fees affect patients?

Most insurance plans do not cover Facility Fees, thus the patient is responsible for payment resulting in ***higher out-of-pocket costs to the patient.***

\$ \$ \$

“The same service performed in the same location by the same doctor can cost more than double what it did just a few years ago.”

-The News & Observer and The Charlotte Observer, 12/16/2012

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