

Financial Policy for Atlantic Foot and Ankle Associates

Thank you for choosing our office to provide you with medical care. We are committed to serving you with skill and high quality care. The medical services provided by our office are services you have elected to receive which may imply a financial responsibility on your part.

No Shows: There may be a Charge of \$30.00 for all no show appointments.

INSURANCE: All co-payments and deductible must be paid at the time of service. We participate in most insurance plans. If you are not insured by a plan we participate with, payment in full is expected at each visit. If you are insured by a plan we participate with but do not have an up-to-date insurance card, payment in full for each visit is required until we can verify your coverage. Knowing your insurance benefits is your responsibility. Please contact your insurance company with any questions you may have regarding your coverage.

MEDICARE: We are a participating Medicare provider. However; that does not mean that all services are covered. Patients are responsible for paying their annual deductible if it has not yet been met. You are also responsible for any copayments, which are usually 20% of the allowed amount for an item or service.

SELF PAY: Payment in full is due at the time of service if you do not have health insurance.

NON-COVERED SERVICES: Please be aware that some of the services you receive may not be covered or not considered reasonable or necessary by Medicare or other insurers. You are responsible for payment of these services.

REFERRALS/AUTHORIZATIONS: We are required to follow the guidelines of your managed care plan which mandates us that when you visit a specialist such as ours, you must have a referral from your primary care physician prior to seeking specialty care. Therefore, you are financially responsible for the services received, unless your referral is presented at the time of this visit. If you do not have a referral from your primary care physician at the time of a visit, you will be financially responsible for all services received due in full upon completion of the visit.

CLAIM SUBMISSION: We will submit your claims and assist you in any way we reasonably can to help get your claims paid. If we participate with your Insurance we will file Insurance before billing you. Your insurance company may need you to supply certain information directly. It is your responsibility to comply with their request. Please be aware that the balance of your claim is your responsibility whether or not your insurance company pays your claim. Your insurance benefit is a contract between you and your insurance company.

PATIENT BILLING: You will be sent up to three notices for your financial responsibility (co-insurance, deductible) after payment and/or explanation of benefits (EOB) is received from your insurance company/companies. After the third and last notice, your account may be forwarded to collections. Please let the billing office know if you have any difficulties resolving your bill. Payment arrangements can be made on a case by case basis. We accept the following payment methods: Cash, Check or VISA/MasterCard. An additional \$25.00 will be added to your statement if the check is returned for insufficient funds. In the event that your insurance company should happen to send payment to you, the patient, we expect that you would forward it to our office to be applied to your balance.

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I have read the above policy regarding my *financial responsibility* to Atlantic Podiatry Associates for medical services provided. I agree to pay Atlantic Podiatry Associates any balance unpaid by my insurance carrier for myself or the below named person.

Assignment of Benefits

I, the undersigned, certify that I (or my dependent) have coverage with my insurance as presented and assign directly to Atlantic Podiatry Associates all insurance benefits, payable to me for services rendered. I understand that I am responsible for payment of deductibles, co-payments, and/or non-covered services. I hereby authorize the doctor to release all information necessary to secure payment of benefits. I authorize RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION to my insurance carrier, or requested physician to provide continuity of care. I authorize the use of this signature on all insurance submissions.

PRINT Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____

GUARANTOR/ FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE) :

PRINT Name: _____

Guarantor Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Guarantor Phone# _____

Guarantor Social Security# _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

Guarantor Signature: _____ Date: _____