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Credit Card on File Agreement

The Dermatologic Center for Excellence has implemented a new credit card policy. Much like many other businesses such as a hotel or car rental agency, attorneys, etc. we now have a similar policy where we ask for a credit card which may be used later to pay any balance that may be due on your bill.

Co-pays, deposits, and fees for non-covered services are still due at the time of service.

At check in, your credit card information will be obtained and kept securely until your insurance(s) have paid their portion and notifies us of the balance due, if any. At that time, you will be sent a statement which you will have 30 days to pay. After 30 days, if the bill remains unpaid, we will bill your credit card.

Your ability to dispute a charge or question your insurance company's determination of payment will remain unchanged.

If you have any questions about our policy, please do not hesitate to ask.

By signing below, I authorize Dermatologic Center for Excellence to keep my signature and my credit card information securely on-file in my account. I authorize Dermatologic Center for Excellence to charge my credit card for any outstanding balances when due. This could be amounts resulting from balances related to copayment, deductible, co-insurance, non-covered services, or denials for no coverage/eligibility but is not limited to these scenarios. I certify that I am an authorized user of this credit card and that I will not dispute the payment with my credit card company; so long as the transaction corresponds to the terms indicated in this form

If the credit card that I give today changes, expires, or is denied for any reason, I agree to immediately give Dermatologic Center for Excellence a new, valid credit card which I will allow them to charge over the telephone. Even though Dermatologic Center for Excellence is not processing the new card in person, I agree that the new card may be used with the same authorization as the original card I presented.

<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	<input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Patient's Name (Print): _____		DOB: __/__/____	
Name on Card (Print): _____		Last 4 Digits of CC #: _____	
Email (Print): _____		Exp. Date: __/____	
Please fill out information below for any other person(s) you authorize this credit card for:			
Patient Full Name (Print): _____		DOB: __/__/____	
Patient Full Name (Print): _____		DOB: __/__/____	
Patient Full Name (Print): _____		DOB: __/__/____	

Credit Card Holder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check this box if you prefer not to receive a statement and would like us to bill your credit card immediately for any balances due after the processing of your insurance.



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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Credit Card on File Agreement

Do I have to leave my credit card information to be a patient at this practice?

Yes. This is our policy and it is a growing trend in the healthcare industry. Insurance reimbursements are declining and there has been a large increase in patient deductibles. These factors are driving offices to either squeeze more patients into shorter periods of time or to stop accepting insurance. We have decided to focus on becoming more efficient in our billing and collections processes instead.

How much and when will money be taken from my account?

The insurance companies on average take approximately 2-4 weeks to process submitted claims. Whatever the allowed amount is, your copay, coinsurance, and deductible are taken into consideration. It simply depends on your individual policy what you may owe. Once the insurance explanation of benefits is received and posted to your account, you will be sent a statement showing your portion. You will have 30 days to send an alternative form of payment if you prefer. If no alternative payment is received, your patient financial responsibility will be processed. *Please Note: If your card is denied, a \$10 late fee will be added each month following, until the balance is paid, as noted in our financial policy.*

How do you safeguard the credit information you keep on file?

We use the same methods to guard your credit card information as we do for your medical information. The card information is securely protected by the credit card processing component of our HIPAA compliant practice management system and credit card manager. This system stores the card information for future transactions using the same sort of technology that any online retailer would. We can't see the card number – only the last four numbers, giving us no way to use the card outside of the billing system. There is no way to export the card information out of our system.

What are the benefits?

It saves you time and eliminates the need to write checks, buy stamps or worry about delays in the mail. It also drives our administrative costs down because our staff sends out fewer statements and spends less time taking credit card information over the phone or entering it from the billing slips sent in the mail, which are less secure methods than us storing the information. The extra time the staff has can now be spent on directly helping the patients, either over the phone, with insurance claims or in person.

I always pay my bills on time. Why do I have to do this?

The entire billing process is time consuming and wasteful, and the few patients that we do have to send to a collection agency end up costing a lot of money. Reducing unnecessary costs are essential to allowing us to continue to be an in-network provider with most insurance companies. Nothing is changing about how much you end up paying.

What if there is a payment discrepancy or I have other payment questions?

Please contact our billing department directly to settle payment discrepancies or for other payment questions. This policy in no way compromises your ability to dispute a charge or questions your insurance company's explanation of benefits.

Will I still receive a paper bill by mail?

Yes. You will receive one bill which will show what will be charged to your card in 30 days. If you prefer to pay by an alternative method, you may do so during that period. If you do not wish to make any payment method changes, just hold onto the statement for your records and your card will be charged.