

# Patient Financial Policy

This is an agreement between AdvancedHEALTH, as creditor, and the Patient/Debtor named on this form and indicated by patient/debtor signature below.

In this agreement the words “you”, “your” and “yours” mean the Patient/Debtor. The word “account” means the account that has been established in your name to which charges are made and payments credited. The words “we”, “us” and “our” refer to AdvancedHEALTH. By executing this agreement, you are agreeing to pay for all services that are rendered.

Effective Date: Once you have signed this agreement, you agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein and the agreement will be in full force and effect. A copy of your signed financial agreement will be provided to you.

## HEALTH INSURANCE - It is YOUR responsibility to:

- Ensure we have been provided with the most current insurance information relative to filing your claim including insurance card, ID number, employer, birth date and patient address. This information will be located on our patient registration form.
- Ensure we are contracted with your insurance carrier to receive maximum benefits.
- Pay your co-payment or patient portion at the time of service.
- Inform us of any insurance changes made after this signed agreement/date of service. Insurance carriers have specific timely filing guidelines and pre-authorization requirements for certain services. If revised insurance information is not provided to us within your insurances' timely filing limits, you will be required to pay for services in full. If prior authorization was required for services already received and your claim is denied for lack of authorization, you will be required to pay for services in full.
- Contact your insurance company if no correspondence is received by you within 45 days of the date of service.

## It is OUR responsibility to:

- Submit a claim to your health insurance carrier based on the information provided by the patient/debtor at the time of service or as updated information is provided.
- Provide your health insurance carrier with information necessary to determine benefits. This may include medical records and/or a copy of your insurance card.
- Provide MVA patients a courtesy health insurance claim form for their records upon request.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** Per our contracted agreement with your insurance carrier, we are required to collect your co-payment on the day of service. If you do not have insurance, you are required to pay for treatment at the time of service unless other arrangements have been formally made. A separate self-pay financial agreement will be provided to you. Our office collects all copays plus estimated coinsurance and deductibles at the time of service. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) returned check fee will be assessed to the patient account per incident. For convenience, payments may be made online. To utilize this service you will need your unique statement code. This information can be found on the patient statement you will receive reflecting your balance. Patients who no-show may be subject to a no-show fee.

**PENDING APPROVALS FOR SERVICES:** In the event we are unable to obtain approval for services and you wish to proceed, we will not bill your insurance. Services will be reduced to the in-network insurance allowable amount and will apply to the patient's responsibility.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INJURIES:** Written approval/authorization by your employer and/or workers' compensation carrier prior to your initial visit is needed. We will contact your case manager and/or supervisor to confirm your workers' compensation injury. If this claim is denied, for any reason by your employer or your employer's workers' compensation carrier, you will be responsible for payment in full. If denial is made by workers' compensation, health insurance can be filed for these denied services and you will be held responsible for the account.

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (MVA's)** – Yes, I was involved in a MVA on \_\_\_\_\_. Unless prior agreement has been reached or I am a Medicare recipient, my **health insurance** will be filed for services related to this accident. In the event I do not provide insurance information upon initial visit, I understand insurance denials may occur depending on type of service(s) received or carrier specific filing requirements. I agree, as the patient or patient's guardian, I am ultimately responsible for all balance(s) due to this facility and/or its physician(s) for services rendered regardless of insurance denial(s) or unfavorable case outcomes. If I have chosen an attorney to oversee my case, this financial agreement will serve as a Letter of Protection to my attorney. I further understand my account may be handled by an outside entity that specializes in attorney lien accounts at the facilities discretion.

Yes, I have chosen to retain an attorney. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Billing Information

**STATEMENTS:** A statement of account will be provided to you if insurance has paid leaving a patient portion, denied or no response is received. Due to the type of service we provide, you may receive billing from more than one practice, otherwise known as split billing. The balance on your statement is due and payable within 30 days of receipt unless other arrangements are made with our billing department. The statement will be sent to the address provided at the time of service. In the event your mailing address changes after your service date and your account has not been paid in full, you are required to notify our billing office of this change by email at [Billing@OurAdvancedHEALTH.com](mailto:Billing@OurAdvancedHEALTH.com) or call 615.239.2018. In case of divorce or separation, the party responsible for the account prior to the divorce or separation remains responsible for the account. After a divorce or separation, the parent authorizing treatment for a child at time of service will be the parent responsible for those subsequent charges. If the divorce decree requires the other parent to pay all or part of the treatment costs, court documentation is required for any guarantor address changes, otherwise, it is the authorizing/custodial parent's responsibility to collect from the other parent. Any account with a credit balance of less than \$5.00 will not be refunded without a specific request from the patient/debtor.

**DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** We review past due accounts frequently and at every statement cycle. Your communication and involvement to ensure your balance is paid timely is important to us. It is imperative that you maintain communications and fulfill your financial agreement and arrangements to keep your account active and in good standing.

If your account becomes sixty (60) days past due, further steps to collect this debt may be taken. If you fail to pay on time and we refer your account(s) to a third party for collection, a collection fee will be assessed and will be due at the time of the referral to the third party. In addition, we reserve the right to deny future non-emergency treatment for any and all debtor-related unpaid account balances.

**CONSENT TO CONTACT:** I grant permission and consent to AdvancedHEALTH and its agents, assignees, and contractors (which may include third party debt collectors for past due obligations): (1) to contact me by phone at any number associated with me, if provided by me or another person on my behalf; (2) to leave messages for me and include in any such messages amounts owed by me; (3) to send me text message or emails using any email address I provided or any phone number associated with me, if provided by me or another person on my behalf; and (4) to use prerecorded/artificial voice messages and/or an automated telephone dialing system (an auto dialer) as defined by the Telephone Consumer Protection Act in connection with any communications made to me as provided herein or any related scheduled services and my account. I understand that my refusal to provide the consent described in this paragraph will not affect, directly or indirectly, my right to receive healthcare services.

**WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY:** You understand if your account is submitted to an attorney or collection agency, if we have to litigate in court, or if your past due status is reported to a credit reporting agency, the fact that you received treatment at our office may become a matter of public record.

**MEDICAL RECORDS:** You will be required to request in writing or sign a medical authorization form for the release of your medical records to any organization or physician. Please note that you will be charged a \$20 flat rate for 1-5 pages plus .50 per additional page and postage to cover the cost of the production of your medical records.

- If age 18 years and over, you should contain documentation of whether a medical advance directive has been executed for Medicaid/Medicare members. A copy should be on file within the office
- Please notify the office if you have a Living Will or Power of Attorney

Patient and/or Debtor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_