

### **Out of Network Billing Policy**

Patients often rightly ask “How much will this cost?” For such a simple question, it is surprisingly difficult to answer because of the way the insurance reimbursement system is structured. In order to help you understand what your charges might be and make your care more affordable, we offer the following discounted rates for out of network patients.

If this practice is out of network for you, most insurance contracts specify that your insurance will still pay a percentage of the bill after you have met your deductible and paid any required copayment. In total, the amount of your payment combined with your insurance company’s payment should not exceed the dollar amounts listed below. For example, if you have had an Upper Endoscopy and your insurance has reimbursed the practice \$300, you would owe \$100.

New patient office consult	\$350
Return patient office visit	\$250
Upper Endoscopy	\$400
Colonoscopy	\$650
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	\$350
Hemorrhoid banding (per band)	\$350

Due to the complexities of medical billing, occasionally you may receive a bill for more than these amounts. If you contact our billing company, PracticeMax at 630-288-6235, they can adjust the final balance of the bill if necessary.

One final note: for endoscopic procedures, you will get a bill from this practice and a bill from the hospital for their facility fee. The above dollar amounts apply only to the bill from this practice. For information about the hospital’s billing policies and procedures, please contact the Northwestern Medicine billing department at 312-926-6900.

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