

FINANCIAL POLICY

As we enter this doctor-patient relationship, we agree to provide quality healthcare care at a fair and reasonable price, and you in turn, agree it is your obligation to be prepared to pay at the time of service and to understand the benefits of your insurance. We want to explain our financial policy to you so there are no unpleasant surprises.

- **Co-payments, deductibles and/or coinsurance are due at the time of service.** We accept Cash, Personal Check, MasterCard, Visa and American Express. If you are not prepared to pay the required amount, we are required to reschedule the appointment. The estimated financial responsibility for scheduled services will be due **prior** to these services being provided. Any remaining balance after your health plan pays will be due upon receipt of a statement. If insurance coverage cannot be verified prior to the appointment, the account will be notated as private pay and payment will be due in full. *Account balances over 90 days with no payment activity will be reported to the credit bureau(s).* Initials _____
- **Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurer. Do not assume your policy covers everything or pays at 100%. It is your responsibility to know what your policy covers and what it does not. We cannot quote your benefits.** Any item deemed "non-covered" by your insurance carrier will be your financial responsibility. This includes lab designation and payment. Any disputes about payment must be resolved between you and your insurer. You are responsible for ensuring a properly dated referral and/or authorization if required by your insurer for services being provided. You are also responsible for payment if your claim denies for lack of referral/authorization. Failure to provide accurate insurance information within 3 days from the date of service will result in the balance becoming your financial responsibility. Initial _____
- As a courtesy to you, we will file primary participating insurance for you with proper assignment. Any additional insurance policies will be yours to file with receipt from our office. Please bring your primary insurance card with you to every visit. I understand that all remaining balances are my responsibility to satisfy prior to additional services being rendered. Initial _____
- This office is not party to legal disputes. The financial responsibility rests with the patient or parent/guardian for patients under 18 years of age. Initial _____
- A \$35.00 fee will be assessed for all returned checks. Initial _____
- Payments & credits are applied to the oldest charges first, except for insurance payments, which are applied to the corresponding dates of service. Refunds over \$50 will be provided within 30 days from the date all outstanding claims are satisfied. Credit balances less than \$50 will be available and processed upon request of the patient. Initial _____
- I give permission to the following individual(s) to request and discuss financial matters with the staff on my behalf; _____ . Initial _____

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I request payment of the medical benefits, otherwise payable to me, directly to Austin Perinatal Associates for services provided by them.

I have read and understand the practice's financial policy and I agree to be bound by its terms. I also understand and agree that such terms may be amended by the practice at any time.

Responsible Party Printed Name (Must be 18 or over)

Date

Responsible Party Signature (Must be 18 or over)

Date