

FINANCIAL POLICIES OF THE OFFICE OF STEPHEN M. BUTLER, M.D. P.A.
FOR MEDICARE RECIPIENTS:

This office is committed to providing to you, the patient, the highest quality of surgical services available. We feel that financial considerations are secondary to the health and welfare of our patients. Through these policies we hope to make the financial aspect of your care clear and separate from your medical care. Some of these policies have been thrust upon us by the federal government, insurance companies and unfortunate experiences with our patients in the past. We apologize for any inconvenience they may cause, but assure you they are utilized to guarantee our continued ability to provide premiere surgical care in the Plant City and Brandon region. Please read the following policies and sign at the end where indicated, guaranteeing your compliance.

We are a participating Medicare provider and accept assignment:

1. By law, as a participating provider in the Medicare system, we accept the Medicare fee schedule assigned to us and accept that amount as payment in full for covered services rendered.
2. Please be aware that Medicare only pays 80% of your bill with this office. The remaining 20% is your responsibility and may be provided for in any of the following ways: your direct payment, coinsurance or secondary insurance or Medigap insurance, or Medicaid.
3. We will bill Medicare for fees related to your care. If you have secondary insurance of any type we will also bill them for the remaining amount due. Payment is expected from your coinsurance company within 45 days of billing them. If they have not paid by this time, for any reason, you are immediately responsible for payment of the balance in full. Because you are the contracted party with your coinsurance company only you will have the authority to take the matter up with them and receive payment. As our services will already have been rendered 45 days, it is only fair that we are due our payment. Failure to pay your balance can result in collection activities such as turning your account over to a collection agency, an adverse entry on your credit history, a lawsuit against you, or a garnishing of your wages for failure to pay.
4. Certain materials and equipment used in providing your care in this office are not covered under Medicare, but you can legally be billed for them. If this will be the case for you we will make you aware of the equipment or service being charged for and what the fee will be, before you incur it.
5. You agree to the release of any and all medical information regarding your case to Medicare as they require to process your claim for payment to us.
6. You authorize direct payment of all fees from Medicare directly to the offices of Stephen M. Butler, M.D. P.A.

Patient Signature

Date