

Thank you for choosing Hudson Physicians for your healthcare needs. If today's appointment is scheduled as a preventive visit for either a well-child check or a routine physical please note the following information.

The purpose of the visit is to supply your provider with medical history information and prevent health problems *before* you or your child is sick.

You may be responsible for a copay, coinsurance or deductible if your visit today includes non-preventive services such as:

- Treat, evaluate, monitor or diagnose a new or existing condition
- Lab testing or medication refills for a new or previously diagnosed condition
- Treat an illness or injury such as a sore throat, chronic migraine or knee pain

We abide by federal laws regulating medical billing. Your provider must document all services and treatments provided. The claim submitted to insurance must match what is documented in your medical record. Patients are sometimes told that "the claim might be paid by insurance, if it is billed out differently." However, it is illegal to misrepresent the actual services provided.

If you have questions about your preventive care benefits, please contact your insurance company's member services department. Their number can be found on the back of your insurance card.

Preventive visits typically include:

- Physical exam (breast/pelvic exam for women)
- Vaccines
- Screening for vision, hearing, depression, high blood pressure and osteoporosis
- Medical and screening reviews
- Preventive health coaching

Preventive visits typically <u>do not include</u> treatment and the prescribing or adjustment of medications for long-term or new medical conditions, such as:

- Asthma
- Back or joint pain
- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol management
- Coronary artery disease
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Headache
- Sleeping disorder
- Wart and skin lesion treatment/removal