



Important Patient Billing Information

The Pain Care Centers at Blackburn Point, The Institute for Advanced Medicine, and Heritage Harbor are Hospital Outpatient Departments. Any appointment at any of our Pain Care Centers, whether an office appointment or a procedure appointment, will result in a **Facility Fee** (for the hospital) and a **Professional Fee** (for the physician/ mid-level provider) therefore you will receive two separate bills for every visit.

Facility Fee: Hospital-based outpatient clinics across the nation charge facility fees in addition to doctors’ fees. The facility fees reimburse hospitals for the level/intensity of the nursing services and hospital resources used in an outpatient clinic setting. SMH follows national guidelines and billing standards mandated by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for all patients and all visits – in the hospital setting and in outpatient settings. CMS has established facility fee codes for outpatient “clinic visits.” These fees take into account the operating and overhead costs related to the building, service provided by clinical and support staff, supplies and equipment, as well as administrative costs related to support departments like Patient Financial Services.

Physician Fee: (Professional Fee) Physicians who treat patients at hospital-owned facilities typically are not employed by those facilities. The physician agrees to accept a lower fee/insurance reimbursement in exchange for using the hospital’s equipment, supplies, staff and facilities. Physicians that do own their own facility usually roll their facility/overhead costs into a single bill for an office visit and are reimbursed at a higher rate by insurance providers.

Insurance Coverage: The Pain Care Center, as a hospital outpatient department, accepts all insurance plans that Sarasota Memorial Hospital is contracted with (Medicare, Medicaid, Workers Compensation Carriers, & Most Major Commercial Carriers). **Please check with your insurance carrier to verify your benefits as Sarasota Memorial and/or the Physician may be out of Network for some plans. It is the patient’s responsibility to check their benefits so they are aware of out of pocket expenses.**

You may, at any time, request an estimate of charges for future services rendered at the Pain Care Center.

Important Phone Numbers for Billing Questions

- For Facility Fees
 - Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, Patient Financial Services (941) 917-1540.
- For Professional Fees
 - Eugene Pereira, MD and Lindsay Shroyer, MD: Physician Services Inc. (941) 917-2600

(Signature)

(Date)

Your signature above indicates your receipt and understanding of the information in this document.

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Name:	Date of Birth:
Physician:	
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