



Effective January 1, 2019 we no longer accept/bill medical sharing plans. As a small business and independent practice, we too understand that the out-of-pocket costs for health insurance is ever exceeding and families are desperately looking to ease the financial burden. That said, we have made a tough, but necessary decision to no longer accept/bill any type of medical/health share plans. By no means does this imply that we will stop providing care to your family.

What does this mean for you?

- Your family will be considered “Self-Pay” and asked to pay for your child(ren)’s visit at the time of service. We offer a 20% prompt pay discount on most visit and procedure codes, if paid at the time of service. Prior arrangements need to be made if unable to pay at the time of service.
- We participate in the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program and since medical sharing plans may not cover vaccinations, your child(ren) would be considered “uninsured or underinsured” according to the VFC guidelines. This means there is no charge to you for the vaccines and only an administration fee set by the VFC program would apply. The current rate is \$23.44 per each vaccine administered and is subject to change at their discretion.
- We will **not** submit a claim to your medical sharing plan on your behalf. You may choose to submit a claim to them on your own and if applicable, be directly reimbursed their rates. We are happy to provide you with any necessary documentation to do so.

These plans are different from traditional insurance companies. There are many elements to this, but in short, insurance companies require us to credential and contract with them. We have not entered into any sort of contract or agreement with those that administer these medical sharing plans and therefore do not have a way of holding them accountable and vice versa. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to you and as always, our number one focus is providing high quality care to all our families.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 509.448.7337.