

Heart, Vascular & Vein of Tampa Bay
Consultative, Diagnostic & Interventional Cardiac, Vascular & Venous Disease

Dear Patient:

Due to policy provisions in your contract with your insurance carrier, we are obligated to collect all patient responsibility balances.

If your insurance policy has provisions such as deductibles, co-insurances, or co-payments please note that these are provisions that have been agreed to between you and your carrier. We cannot legally discount fees after their submission on your behalf to your carrier.

If we are networked with your carrier, we have an additional contractual obligation to collect the balances as outlined by your carrier. Writing off patient responsibility balances could jeopardize our contract with your carrier.

If a portion of your fees are applied to an annual out-of-pocket maximum, and we do not collect that fee, your out-of-pocket maximum has not been correctly calculated.

Additionally, for those Medicare patients that may have any medical services that are eligible under Medicare, we are legally obligated to collect the patient responsibility co-insurance, co-payment or deductible under the terms of the anti-kickback laws. **(Kickback Section 1128A of the ACT 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7a).**

We sincerely regret if any of these regulatory provisions cause you any inconvenience, but we must be bound by all provisions of insurance policy and federal law. If you have any issues or concerns with your insurance, we will be more than happy to assist in the resolution of those issues or concerns. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or any assistance you may require to fully understand these provisions.

Sincerely,

Heart, Vascular & Vein of Tampa Bay.