

Provider-Based Billing Notice

Catholic Health is a provider-based system. This means that all of our services are offered as a department of a Catholic Health Hospital. You are in a provider-based facility if you receive services at any of the sites listed on the back of this notice.

PROVIDER-BASED is a billing process used when you go to any Catholic Health location listed on the back of this notice. These places are known as **provider-based facilities**. There are national rules that Catholic Health follows to bill patients because the hospital owns, operates, and bills for all *facility* and *physician* charges.

BILLING: If you are covered by Medicare and certain other insurance companies, billing will be impacted in the following ways. If you receive testing or you have a procedure performed, your copayment could be higher than if you had that test or procedure in a non-provider-based facility. Or, if you are here for an office visit with a provider, you will see a physician charge to reflect the professional services provided to you and, you will see an additional facility charge for a hospital outpatient visit on your bill. You will also be billed for other services that your physician orders, such as x-rays. Medicare and other insurance companies will cover both the facility and physician fees and pay your claim minus any deductibles, copayments or coinsurance that may be your responsibility.

COINSURANCE: Coinsurance is the percentage of your health care charges you are expected to pay when you get medical care. For example, under Medicare Part B, you will usually be expected to pay 20% of the allowable charges after you've met your deductible. For many insurances, including Medicare, you will be responsible for coinsurance on both the facility and physician charges of the provider-based visit.

DEDUCTIBLE: A deductible is the amount you pay for covered health care services before Medicare and other health insurances start to pay. Being cared for at a provider-based facility **should not** increase your annual deductible; however, your health insurance may require that you pay a portion of your annual deductible on both the facility and professional charges of your visit. If you have secondary insurance coverage, it **may** provide coverage for coinsurance and deductibles you are expected to pay. Catholic Health will bill your secondary insurance for any coinsurance or deductible amounts if you have secondary insurance. Any unpaid money that is due will be billed to you.

COPAYMENT EXAMPLE: Below is an example of copayment amounts that could be billed to you or your secondary insurance for covered services that you receive at one of our provider-based locations. It does not reflect any other copayments or coinsurance that you may be charged for other services such as braces, orthotics, injections, etc.

NOTE: These are examples. Your actual bill could be different.

Non-Provider Based Office Visit:

EKG Coinsurance:	\$3.27
Physician Office Visit Copay:	\$20.00
Total You Pay:	\$23.27

Provider Based Office Visit:

EKG Coinsurance:	\$3.27
Physician Office Visit Copay:	\$20.00
Hospital Facility Copay:	\$20.00
Total You Pay:	\$43.27

Catholic Health Provider-Based Centers

Affiliated with Kenmore Mercy Hospital

AthletiCare Kenmore

Kenmore Specialty Center

Affiliated with Mercy Hospital of Buffalo

Advanced Wound Healing Center - Orchard Park
AthletiCare - Orchard Park
Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates
Mercy Ambulatory Care Center

Mercy Diagnostic Center - East Aurora
Mercy Diagnostic & Treatment Center - West Seneca
Mercy Neurology Center
Mercy Women's Health Center

Affiliated with Mount St. Mary's Hospital

Center for Women at Mount St. Mary's Hospital
Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine
Mount St. Mary's Cardiology
Mount St. Mary's ENT Services
Mount St. Mary's Health Center Lewiston
Mount St. Mary's Health Center Lockport

Mount St. Mary's Neurology Center
Mount St. Mary's Orthopedic & General Surgery
Mount St. Mary's Primary Care Lewiston
Neighborhood Health Center
Niagara Ambulatory Surgery Center

Affiliated with Sisters of Charity Hospital

Hematology & Medical Oncology
KenTon Family Care Center
Mercy Comprehensive Care Center
Pathways - Buffalo
Pathways - Rochester
M. Steven Piver, MD Center for Women's Health & Wellness
Sisters Cardiology Center

Sisters Health Center - Amherst
Sisters Health Center - Caritas
Sisters Health Infusion Center
Sisters Health Center D'Youville
Sisters OB/GYN Center
St. Vincent's Health Center

Affiliated with Sisters of Charity Hospital, St. Joseph Campus

Advanced Wound Healing Center - Cheektowaga