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Annual Administrative Fee (AAF)

Piedmont Pediatrics is committed to providing you with exceptional care. As you know, many changes have taken place in the healthcare industry. Amongst these changes is the rise in administrative costs of operating a doctor's office. Services that were once covered by insurance are now either partially covered, covered under certain medical necessity, or not covered. We want to continue to provide the highest quality of medical care to our families, but unfortunately, this includes providing services that your insurance company no longer covers. Over the past several years, Piedmont Pediatrics has absorbed the cost of these non-covered services. In the current environment, this has become unsustainable.

After much consideration, Piedmont Pediatrics finds it necessary to charge an Annual Administrative Fee (AAF) of \$20.00 per patient with a minimum of \$50.00 per family with three or more children. This fee is intended to help cover services such as maintaining medical records, prior-authorization, completion of immunization records, school forms, sports forms, FMLA forms, daycare forms, insurance filings and applications, email correspondences, etc. Your insurance company will not cover the annual administrative fee or any of these services. Your out-of-pocket expenses will be lower by charging an annual administrative fee than charging you for individual services.

All patients who are up to date with their annual administrative fee will allow our staff to provide you with consistent, efficient, timely patient correspondence, medical record maintenance, and completion of forms throughout the year. You may speak with a receptionist to pay your annual administrative fee (AAF).

We at Piedmont Pediatrics cherish the opportunity to care for your children and thank you for your understanding.

Thank you,

Piedmont Pediatrics Team