

Center for Specialized Surgery of Santa Barbara

Anesthesia Billing Information

The Anesthesia Service providers at the Center for Specialized Surgery of Santa Barbara (**CSSofSB**) understand that the business of healthcare can be costly and stressful to think about. Because healthcare charges can be complex and include unfamiliar clinical terminology, we are providing you with an informational letter to help better understand the billing process regarding anesthesia services at **CSSofSB**. Although **CSSofSB** anesthesia services are provided by on-site anesthesiologists, it is important to understand that we are a separate professional business entity from **CSSofSB** and have secured the **FFC Billing Corp.** for our billing services (818)888-7815 ext 102.

Prior to receiving care at **CSSofSB**, patients (or their surrogates) sign numerous forms. One of these forms is an acknowledgement that anesthesia services will be billed to you or your insurance carrier separately from **CSSofSB** charges. This form includes an agreement for you to be financially responsible for these charges. The amount you may be responsible for depends on many factors. If your anesthesia provider is a participating provider with your insurance carrier, then you should only receive a bill for copayments and/or deductibles. However, due to business related reasons, your anesthesiologist may not be a participating provider with your particular insurance carrier. Therefore, this may affect the amount of the bill you are financially responsible for.

We want to clarify that some plans do not cover all cost for anesthesia services. Unfortunately, the anesthesiologists do not receive information about your healthcare coverage in advance of your surgical procedure, therefore, if your anesthesiologist is not a “participating provider” with your insurance carrier, depending upon your plan type, and out-of-network coverage that you are entitled to under plan, you may receive a bill for the remaining balance of your anesthesia charges which your plan does not cover. This bill will come from our billing office (**FFC Billing Corp.**)

If you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) and would like to discuss the details of your bill, you may contact our billing office at (818)888-7815 ext 102. Upon receipt of a bill for anesthesia services, please be assured that various payment options are available based on personal circumstances and will be coordinated on an individual basis. Our priority is to find payment alternatives that will work for you and fully resolve your financial obligations. Also, please feel free to call **FFC Billing** service in advance, to discuss any anesthesia related fees for an upcoming surgery.

I have read and understand the above billing information regarding my anesthesia:

(Patient Signature)

(Date)