

Payment Policy

It is the policy of Columbus ObGyn Specialty Center that payment is due at the time services are provided. It is the patient's responsibility to check with the business office prior to being seen if you have any questions regarding fees, insurance information, etc. All outstanding balances must be paid in their entirety before any additional services will be provided by any provider employed at Columbus ObGyn Specialty Center.

Self-Pay

All self-pay patients are responsible for payment of their entire account at the time services are provided. For scheduled surgeries performed in the hospital, payment is due when the patient gets her preoperative orders. If a non-scheduled surgery is performed, payment is due immediately following discharge. If the entire balance cannot be paid at once, arrangements must be made with the business office immediately.

*Medicare

Dr. Childrey is a NONparticipating provider with Medicare. Therefore, Medicare beneficiaries are responsible for payment of all services received in the office the day the service is provided. We will collect the limiting charge that is set by Medicare, and you will only be reimbursed 80% of that amount after your deductible has been met. Medicare will send this payment directly to you. Medicare will then cross your claim over to your supplemental carrier, and if a payment is due, it will be made directly to you also.

Medicaid

The providers of this clinic do participate with Mississippi Medicaid and UnitedHealthCare Community Plan of the MississippiCAN Program. If a patient has Medicaid, they must present their card before services are provided. All applicable copays are due at the time services are rendered. If the Medicaid is not in effect at the time of service, you are responsible for payment. If Medicaid becomes effective and you qualify for "retroactive eligibility", our office WILL NOT bill Medicaid for those services and REFUND the beneficiary.

Private Insurance

The providers of this clinic do not participate with all private insurances, and it is the patient's responsibility to check with the business office prior to being seen if you have any questions regarding your coverage here. For those insurances that we do not accept, the patient is responsible for payment in full at the time of the service, and we will give you a form that you can file with your insurance carrier to receive your benefits. For those insurances that we do accept, the patient is responsible for payment as outlined by their plan. Therefore, office copays, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts are due at the time of service. After the insurance has paid, the patient is responsible for any remaining balance. If payment arrangements need to be made, you must contact our business office immediately.

We are participating providers for the following networks:
BCBS of Mississippi, BCBS of Alabama, State Employees Network,
MPCN (Mississippi Physicians Care Network), Baptist Network,
UnitedHealthCare, Cigna, and Tricare (Standard and Prime).

If you have any questions about your insurance, ask someone in our business office prior to being seen by the provider. We will gladly assist you in finding out what your benefits are for the services provided in our clinic. It is the patient's responsibility, not the employees of Columbus ObGyn Specialty Center, to know your benefits, and ultimately it is the patient's responsibility for payment of their accounts.

I have read the above payment policy and understand my financial responsibility as a patient. I know that I can ask someone in the business office about my financial obligations prior to services being provided if I have any questions.

Patient's Signature or Parent/Guardian (if a minor)

Date