

Financial Responsibility

Northwestern Obstetrics and Gynecology Consultants strives to provide the best possible care for our patients, focusing on their overall health and wellness. There are many services that Northwestern Obstetrics and Gynecology Consultants use that our physicians believe are in the best interest of our patients but may not be covered by your insurance carrier. We make every effort to have insurance companies pay for medical services performed but some insurance companies still consider many services and devices "experimental or investigational". These services may include, but are not limited to: ultrasounds, IUD's, Genetic Testing, certain surgical procedures, laboratory test and more. Most insurance carriers cover the cost of these services; however, benefits vary among different plans. Therefore, these services may not be a covered benefit under your policy. The charge for these services will be filed with your insurance carrier. However, if the charge is not covered for any reason, you will be responsible for the balance/fee. By signing below, you understand and agree to pay any balance from these services.

Our goal with this statement is to provide billing transparency. If you have a new concern or other diagnosis that needs to be addressed during your preventative office visit, your provider may be required to bill a problem visit in addition to your annual preventative visit. Thank you for your understanding.

Annual exam visits often include the following:

- * Update of past medical, social, work and family history
- * Complete physical exam and review of body systems
- * Review of medications, herbs and supplements
- * Some medication refills
- * Counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions
- * Review of age/gender appropriate screening tests
- * The exam is prevention-focused, not problem-focused

Annual exams may not include:

- * Discussion and/or treatment of chronic or acute issues
- * Discussion of treatment of new health concerns/issues
- * Labs/diagnostic testing related to new issues.

Patient Signature