

Not included in the fee are the following:

- prenatal lab screen (CBC, type and RH, rubella titer, urinalysis, serology, etc.)
- additional lab work necessary during the pregnancy
- pap smear
- injections or other medication for mother
- circumcision
- cesarean section or other surgery
- charges made by hospital
- special procedures (i.e., amniocentesis, non stress testing, ultrasound, etc.)
- anesthesia charges (cesarean section), intrathecal charge (vaginal delivery)

The choice of anesthesia is primarily a medical decision based upon the medical condition of the mother and the unborn child at the time of labor and delivery. This will be made by the attending physician and/or the anesthesiologist. If you have particular questions regarding obstetrical anesthesia, we will be happy to discuss these with you.

Payment for your obstetrical care is to be made in full by the seventh (7th) month of your pregnancy. This may be made in a lump sum or in payments. Any benefits paid by insurance will be sent directly to you since you will have already paid your fees to us. Should we receive any insurance payments, these monies will be promptly refunded to you.

Philosophically, We should state our feelings regarding third-party (insurance) coverage. We feel that our fee for services is between the physician and the patient. Under no circumstances do we feel that we are working for the insurance company. Forms for insurance payments will be completed without charge as a courtesy to you, by our staff and us. For this reason, and others, We expect you to pay us and then you collect from your third-party carrier.

If you leave our care before delivery, you will be charged only for your office calls and other services performed. Any over-payment will be refunded.

The office fee paid at your initial OB visit will be applied as a part of your total fee.

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