



BILLING COORDINATION NOTICE

This notice is to assist you to understand the bills you may receive for the related services that will be provided to you at our surgery center. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please feel free to ask our receptionist that provided this notice to you or to contact Ms. Glenda Martinez, our Patient Relations Manager, at (305) 595-2414.

At a minimum, your insurance company and/or you will likely receive separate bills from your surgeon, this facility and from the group providing anesthesia services.

However, you may also receive separate bills for laboratory, pathologist, radiology (x-ray), radiologist services and durable medical equipment (DME), if you received such services.

In most cases, lab services are necessary if tissue is removed during your operation to analyze the tissue for any possible abnormalities. If these lab services are necessary, you will receive a bill from both the lab that provided the equipment to analyze the tissue and from the physician pathologist who supervised and performed the tissue analysis. Lab services are also often necessary to confirm that you are healthy enough to undergo surgery and to receive certain types of anesthesia. Both the equipment lab and the physician pathologist will bill for these "pre-op lab" services.

Sometimes a x-ray is also necessary as a "pre-op" test to ensure that your lungs are clear and healthy. If these tests are necessary, you will also receive a separate bill from the x-ray equipment provider and from the physician radiologist who read and analyzed the x-ray image.

DME is also commonly used, particularly with orthopedic cases. Range of motion equipment helps with rehabilitation, pain control pumps can provide tremendous benefit in the first days after surgery and crutches/walkers can be essential. Essentially all DME provided to you at MSC is, in turn, provided by a separate DME supply company. All such equipment is only provided by prescription from your surgeon.

We understand that all this separate billing can be confusing, so please do not hesitate to ask any questions. We are always here to help.

Again, here is a summary of the separate bills you may receive:

- 1. Your surgeon's bill**
- 2. Our bill (MSC)**
- 3. Your anesthesia bill (from the Anesthesiologist or Anesthesiologist group who provided the service)**
- 4. Laboratory center**
- 5. Physician Pathologist**
- 6. Radiology center (x-ray)**
- 7. Physician Radiologist**
- 8. Durable Medical Equipment**

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Date