

# **Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy PLLC**

## **Financial Policy**

Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy PLLC, is a for-profit Gastroenterology Office dedicated to providing gastroenterologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, dieticians, psychotherapists and patients a safe and effective environment for the evaluation and treatment of diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. The office also provides the medical home for documentation and billing of procedures performed in The Greater New York Endoscopy Surgical Center as well as area hospitals for which doctors are affiliated. The office will bill professional fees for the work of the physicians of the group which may include pathology, anesthesiology and ultrasound. There may even be bills generated for the laboratory and ultrasound technical fees. All bills generated are only for work to be performed. If you feel that you are being billed falsely, you must contact the Medical Director, Dr. Tenner at 516-316-0830 or your insurance carrier.

Billing, payment, collection and participation with carriers may differ considerably between the facility and physician involved in the procedures at the facility. You are responsible to determine the benefits, copays and deductibles of your insurance. Our office will assist you if you request our office to determine the extent of your coverage and personal financial liability.

A professional attitude shall be used whenever communicating with patients and insurance companies regarding payment for services rendered. Appropriate staff will assure that the patient understands the implications of his insurance coverage, if any and the resulting personal financial obligation and responsibility for payment for services rendered.

As you know, the world of health insurance has become increasingly confusing and complex for patients and physicians alike. For this reason, we would like to bring to your attention that we are legally required to bill you for any applicable co-payments or co-insurance and/or deductibles which your insurance plan requires you to personally pay under the terms of your insurance policy according to the State of New York Insurance.

The Federal and State governmental agencies that oversee the health insurance industry have consistently taken the position that the routine waiver of co-payments and co-insurance by healthcare providers may constitute insurance fraud by the insured and the physician. Within 6 months of receiving a response from your carrier, you will receive a "balance bill". These amounts reflect that portion of our facility fees which were not paid by your insurance company and that remain as your personal responsibility. According to the State of New York Insurance Department, a decision in the exercise of business judgment by a physician not to pursue the full legal remedies available to collect a debt would not constitute insurance fraud. If payment of your full outstanding balance is not financially feasible for you at this time, please call our office and we will try to work out a mutually-agreeable payment plan that you can afford to pay over a reasonable period of time.

For patients who have a sizable financial obligation after payment by insurance, or for patients who have no insurance coverage, a payment contract or the use of a credit card may offer the opportunity to satisfy the financial obligation. For those patients wishing to satisfy their balance due via a financial agreement, the patient or responsible party will be required to sign a contract prior to the procedure. Patient or responsible party will be given a copy of the signed agreement, and the original will be maintained by the Accounts Receivable Office.

#### Hospital Affiliations

Dr. Scott Tenner: Maimonides Medical Center; SUNY Downstate

Dr. Robin Baradaran: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn

Dr. Jack Braha: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn

Dr. Sofia Novak: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn

Dr. Mila Tempel: Maimonides Medical Center

Dr. Sam Weissman: Interfaith Medical Center; New York Methodist Hospital

Dr. Wael El Darawy: New York Methodist Hospital

Dr. Boris Chusid: Lenox Hill Hospital; Meadowlands Hospital, New Jersey

Dr. Jean Atallah-Vinograd: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn; Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn

Dr. Gulam M. Khan: Woodhull Medical Center, Brooklyn

#### Other Providers

##### **Anesthesia:**

Greater New York Endoscopy Surgical Center

2211 Emmons Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11235

718-954-3535 (Phone)

*Dr. Kevin Pollak*

*Dr. Wagih Sawaris*

*Dr. Mwata Dyson*

*Dr. Roger Spencer*

*Dr. Vyachislav Abayev*

*Dr. Walaa B. Housny*

*Dr. Prabhakar Veeramachaneni*

*Dr. Sultan Said*

**Pathology:**

*Dr. Sheryl Brustein & Dr Qinghu Ren*  
Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy PLLC  
2211 Emmons Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11235  
718-954-3535 (Phone)

**Laboratory:**

*Quest Diagnostics*  
1 Malcolm Avenue  
Teterboro, New Jersey 07608-1070  
1-866-697-8378

*Shiel Medical Laboratory*  
Brooklyn Navy Yard Building 292  
63 Flushing Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
718-552-1000  
1-800-553-0873

**Radiology:**

*Select Diagnostic Imaging*  
2350 Ocean Avenue Suite 4  
Brooklyn, NY 11229  
718-676-4550  
Fax: 718-676-4557  
Dr Farzam Kashanian , Medical Director

*Bay Ridge Medical Imaging*  
7601 4<sup>th</sup> avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11209  
718-238-7000  
Fax: 718-238-7005

*Lerman Diagnostic Imaging*  
6511 Fort Hamilton Parkway  
Brooklyn, NY 11219  
718-491-4545  
Fax: 718-491-4123  
Jay Lerman, MD, Board Certified Radiologist

*Kingsway Diagnostic Imaging*  
3131 Kings Highway Suite A4  
Brooklyn, NY 11234  
718-758-1500  
Fax: 718-758-2400

*Highway Imaging Associates*  
2095 Flatbush Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11234  
718-338-6868  
Fax: 718-252-3650  
Alan Berlly, MD, DABR  
David Rosenthal, MD, ABNM  
Nirupa Harin, MD, DABR, ABNM  
Ralph Pinchinat, MD, DABR

*Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services*  
6740 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11220  
718-491-5822  
Fax: 718-491-7800  
\*other locations available, as pertains to convenience of patient

*Marine Park Radiology P.C.*  
2270 Kimball Street-Suite 102  
Brooklyn, NY 11234  
718-253-6616  
Fax: 718-253-7059  
John Ibarra, MD  
Richard Steinberg, MD  
Board Certified Radiologist

*Participating health plans of providers and hospital affiliations, if not already stated on our website, can be disclosed to you in-office or by phone when you make an appointment for services.*

*The amount or estimated amount for services rendered is available upon request. Upon receipt of a request, the amount or estimated amount that will be billed absent unforeseen medical circumstances that may arise when the health care services are provided will be made available. You may request this by providing the following form to our office receptionists, and they will gladly assist you.*

Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, PLLC.  
2211 Emmons Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235  
718-368-2960  
www.NYGICARE.com

Dear Patient,

Your scheduled provider does not participate in the network of your health care plan. The amount or estimated amount that our practice will bill you for non-emergency services is available upon request.

Non-emergency service scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_

I request receipt of the amount or estimated amount that I will be billed for the non-emergency services

\_\_\_\_\_ (Your Initials)

- Initial Office Visit Consultation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Follow-Up Office Visit Consultation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Abdominal Sonogram \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Vaccinations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Laboratory Tests : subject to laboratory prices and tests ordered
- Vaccinations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- For Procedures:
- Pathology: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Anesthesia: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Facility Fee (GNYESC): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Professional Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgment of Receipt

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If Legal Representative, indicate relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Legal Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Health Plans (organized by physician)

Dr. Scott Tenner	Dr. Robin Baradaran	Dr. Jack Braha	Dr. Boris Chusid	Dr. Wael Eldarawy	Dr. Sam Weissman	Dr. Sofia Novak	Dr. Mila Tempel	Dr Jean Atallah-Vinograd	Dr Gulam Khan
-1199 -Aetna PPO (Out of Network only) Amerigroup Medicare/MCD -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC)* <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Liberty Health Advantage -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -CCM -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Liberty Health Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -GHI * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Liberty Health Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Affinity -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2 -UHC Mosaic	-1199 -Affinity -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC Touchstone PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna PPO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna HMO/EPO/PPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna HMO/EPO/PPO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Fidelis -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -UHC PPO/HMO	-1199 -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna EPO/PPO/HMO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) * <b>out of network ONLY</b> -Elderplan -Fidelis -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2