

Procedures Performed in the Office

Patients are referred to our office by primary care physicians who often do not have the equipment or specialized training required to perform many of the procedures common to this practice. These procedures are often the best way, or only way, to diagnose and/or treat the patient's problem.

Most insurance plans hold the patient responsible for meeting their deductible before a procedure is covered. These procedures are not considered part of the office visit. Some of the most commonly performed office procedures to which your deductible may apply are listed below:

Laryngoscopy or nasal endoscopy (examining the inside of the throat or nose with a lighted scope)

Audiometry (includes initial and follow-up hearing tests, measuring ear pressure, testing speech development and speech comprehension, and tests to diagnose dizziness or vertigo)

Binocular microscopy (looking inside the ear with a microscope)

Foreign body removal from the ear or nose

Control of nosebleed

Removal of wax and debris from the ears

This list does not include all procedures, tests, or office surgeries that may require that your deductible be satisfied before insurance coverage applies. If a deductible applies, or insurance does not fully pay for the procedure, or if a procedure, test, or surgery is denied or not covered, the patient or responsible party will be responsible for the cost of the procedure.

I have read and understand that I may have financial responsibility for all or some of the costs I may incur for office procedures or tests.

Patient or responsible party

Date