

# FINANCIAL POLICY FOR HOUSTON NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATES

(MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BEFORE TREATMENT)

In the interest of good health care practice, it is desirable to establish a credit policy to avoid misunderstandings. Our primary responsibility is to help our patients experience good health and we wish to spend our time and energy toward that end.

- You will need to provide our office with your driver's license and current health insurance card. **Your appointment may be postponed if the above are not furnished** by the patient at the time of your appointment.
- Insurance is gladly billed (except for third parties such as MVA's) as a courtesy to our patients, when you provide us with current and correct information. Even though you may have an insurance claim pending, you may receive a monthly statement for the outstanding balance on your account. We cannot accept responsibility for collecting an insurance claim after 60 days or for negotiating a disputed claim. All Accounts are to be paid in full 60 days after services rendered. Insurance reimbursement is a contract between you, your employer and the insurance carrier. **YOU** (not the insurance company) are responsible to us for all fees for service rendered to you. Keep in mind not all services are a covered benefit in all contracts. It is your responsibility to know your contract with your insurance company.
- I hereby authorize Houston Neurology Associates to submit a claim to my insurance company for services rendered by Houston Neurology Associates and direct my insurance carrier to issue payment check(s) directly to Houston Neurology Associates.
- I hereby authorize Houston Neurology Associates to release all information necessary regarding services rendered to my insurance company and all physicians involved in my medical care.
- I understand that in order to cover my services a referral from my primary care physician may be necessary. I also understand that if Houston Neurology Associates **does not** receive a written referral authorization or referral from my primary care physician, I will be held financially responsible for any and all charges incurred. In some cases we may need to reschedule your appointment.
- If you do not have insurance, we are happy to offer a 20% discount but services are payable at the time of your visit.
- There will be a flat fee of \$50.00 for any appointment **not** cancelled within 24 hours of the appointment. The clinic will not reschedule any patient after two appointments have been missed. The clinic's time must be used as efficiently as possible to keep our expenses at a minimum and the fees within reasonable limits.
- There will be a flat fee of \$15.00 for co-pays not paid on the day of your appointment.

I have read this credit/financial policy and understand that regardless of any insurance coverage I may have, I am responsible for payment of my account. I understand that delinquent accounts may be assigned to a credit reporting collection service. If it becomes necessary to effect collections of any amount owed on this or subsequent visits, the undersigned agrees to pay for all legal costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and no discounts or adjustments will be honored. This will ensure that our responsible patients will not be penalized to cover costs incurred by those who do not pay on time.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_