

THE HEART CENTER AT MERCY

RE: **CHARGES – REGULATED SPACE**

The Heart Center at Mercy is a regulated hospital facility.

Patients will notice a change to their hospital bill. There will be a \$35.00 charge for visits to the Mercy Heart Center.

This is in addition to any professional (physician) fee and procedure charges. As usual, all charges will be billed to the patient's insurance company to determine the amount payable by the patient. Further explanation follows:

A patient in a regulated hospital facility (office) can expect their insurance company to receive two bills.

- 1.) Professional fee bill from St. Paul Place Specialists (SPPS). This is the bill for the physician's time and services.
- 2.) Facility fee bill from Mercy Medical Center (MMC). This is the bill for facility, i.e.: staff time, resources, etc.

Because the Heart Center at Mercy is a regulated space, the physician's reimbursement from the insurance company is reduced to reflect the overhead assumed by the hospital. Therefore, a separate facility bill is generated to cover the overhead expense of the office. The patient's responsibility is wholly determined by their insurance coverage. The patient may be responsible for some portion of the above mentioned bills, depending on co-pays, deductibles or co-insurance established by the carrier.

Please contact the insurance company to determine the amount of your out of pocket expense.

If we can be of any assistance, or if you have questions, please contact the patient accounting customer service lines at 410-951-1700.

I have read and understand this billing regulation notice:

Print – Patient Name

Date of Birth

Patient Signature

Date